(Macalester College)

1 April 1941

18-25-12

My dear Sir:

I believe arrangements have been made for me to speak at Macalester College, Tuesday, April twenty-second; the fee to be fifty dollars. If this is true, will you let me know the hour and length of the speech and the subject which you prefer? I am enclosing a list of my subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Charles J. Turck
Macalester College
Saint Paul, Minnesota

MACALESTER COLLEGE

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 4, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-25-25

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

The arrangement is as you state for Tuesday, April twenty-second. The fee is fifty dollars. The hour is eleven o'clock in the morning. I will be glad to pick you up at whatever time and place you indicate.

The subject we would like to hear is, "Comments on my own Life." The speaker has thirty-five minutes. The speech is broadcast over WLB which is the University station, and I understand you also speak at the University convocation the same week and that this is also broadcast. If the subject I have selected happens to be the one that you plan to use at the University, we shall be glad to use any one which you may select.

May I inquire whether you will be able to stay to lunch at noon on the twenty-second? We can guarantee to be through lunch at whatever time you indicate for your next engagement.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles J. Turck

CJT:RK

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[Macalester College]

18 April 1941

My dear Sir:

I shall arrive in Saint Paul, Tuesday morning, April twenty-second, and stop with
Jose Sherwood
971 Saint Anthony Avenue
Saint Paul

He will see that I get to the college for the speech.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles J. Turck
Macalester College
Saint Paul

12-25-24

18-35-69

209 Vendome Building
Church Street
Nashville, Tennessee
May 21, 1941

President Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear President Dubois,

I am writing you in regard to the broadcasting station which - so I understand - is to be opened this fall at Atlanta University. Will you please send me any information you might have concerning positions available in said station.

At this time I am associated with Radio Station W S M Nashville, Tennessee, writing and producing a woman's program five days a week. This program has been on the air since August 1940. Prior to this - I played the lead in a Commercial continued story.

Am 24 years of age - a Junior College graduate - holding a diploma in Speech Arts. During the winter of 1940 I played winter stock with a professional company in and around Taunton, Massachusetts -- have also done some play directing and producing for stage and radio. References concerning my character, educational qualifications, experience and ability will be furnished.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am,

Sincerely,

Gertrude McClanahan

18-35-60

25 May 1941

My dear Madam:

I have no knowledge of any broadcasting station to be opened at Atlanta University. You might write to the president, Rufus E. Clement, but I am sure you have been misinformed.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Gertrude McClanahan
209 Vendome Building
Church Street
Nashville, Tennessee

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Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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333 East Ontario Street : Chicago, Illinois

April 12, 1941

Mr. W. E. Burghardt DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. DuBois:

We have received a letter from a Mr. Bernard Smith, of the Alfred A. Knopf Company, who is editing a volume called THE DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT, which Alfred Knopf will publish in September. This is to be an anthology of American writings, from the earliest times to the present, chosen to reflect or express the growth of the American tradition of democracy.

It is his intention to use in this anthology 3000 words from THE SOULS OF BLACK FOLK, and he has written us, asking permission to include the material. Naturally, full credit to author and publisher will be given.

We recommend that he be allowed this privilege for a fee of $35.00, the usual 20% being paid to us as publishers for making all arrangements.

He is, of course, anxious to know as soon as possible concerning your decision, and we hope you will find it possible to write us so that we can answer him during the coming week.

Very truly yours,

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

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Publishing Manager

I shall be glad to grant the permission asked in your letter of April 12, on the terms you suggest

16 April 1941

My dear Sir:

I shall be glad to grant the permission asked in your letter of April 12, on the terms you suggest.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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A. C. McClurg and Company
Chicago

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314 West 52 Street
New York, New York
November 21, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have learned of your call for the Pan-African Congress to meet in Port Au Prince, Haiti, next summer.

Will you kindly forward to me the proposed agenda for this meeting and any suggestion or information through which we may assist you in promoting attendance and interest in the Congress?

Sincerely yours,

Chas. A. R. McDowell

Chas. A. R. McDowell

Virginia Union University
1500 NORTH LOMBARDY STREET
Richmond, Virginia

October 29, 1941.

Request for information

18-25-20

Dr. W.E.B.DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Please send me any ideas which you may have or other information on The Teaching of Social Sciences in The Small Private College. What, if any, unique opportunity does the private college, especially the private Negro College, have in this field?

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Henry Jared McGuinn

HJM/m

Henry Jared McGuinn.
Chr. Div. of Soc. Science
Va. Union University

18-35-31

20 November 1941

My dear Mr. McGuinn:

I have not had a chance to take up the matter of your letter of October 29. I had to speak in Chicago and am now going to Cuba to attend an intercultural conference. If you still want my opinion when I return, I shall be glad to write you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Henry Jared McGuinn
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Virginia Union University
1500 NORTH LOMBARDY STREET
Richmond, Virginia

December 3, 1941.

Request for information

Dr. W.E.B.DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta, University
Atlanta, Ga.

18-35-33

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Your letter of the 20th was received. I realize that you are a very busy man and have limited time for such requests as mine. But I also realize that your opinion on such a subject is worth waiting for. I would be very glad to receive your opinion on The Teaching of the Social Sciences in the Small Private College.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Henry Jared McGuinn

Henry Jared McGuinn.

[Paul Jones McLendon]

Georgia Normal College
Albany, Georgia
April 24, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Request for photograph

18-31-29

Dear Sir:

I am a Freshman here at Georgia Normal College, Albany, Ga. and in my English Class every student is supose to write 5000 (five Thousand) words on some subject, so i decide to write on the life and work of you. so wish you kindly send me any materia you have at hand to help me please. And if you have a Phato of your self will you kindly enclose one.

Please do not send material and phato ib it is trouble to you, But i will thank you very much.

Thanks

Yours truly
Paul Jones McLendon

9 May 1941

18-31-30

My dear Mr. McLendon:

You will find an account of my life in my latest book DUSK OF DAWN. A photograph can be furnished from this office. The cost is one dollar.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Paul Jones McLendon
Georgia Normal College
Albany, Georgia

18-35-69

75 Northwest St.
Annapolis Md.
May 9, 1941.

Dr. W.E.B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Request for information

Dear Sir,

I am a student at Bates High School in Annapolis Md. At school each student has to write on the life of some famous Negro and I have selected you. I would like to have the information necessary to write a biographical sketch of your life and works. Also if it is convinent I would like to have a picture of you. I would appriciate your sending this information as soon as it is possible.

Respectfully yours,
Harriett McPherson.

Answered
12 May 19 41

ABRAHAM MANDELSTAM
40 WEST 72ND STREET
NEW YORK

Univ Mass

Request to write article

October 10, 1941

My dear Mr.DuBois:

Will you permit me to include you in a compilation of "Absent Moments in the Lives of Significant People"? I am searching the field of fiction and biography in the hope that I will secure interesting incidents of absentmindedness, but I am equally anxious to have the research include incidents of the living important.

Professor Albert Einstein, Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, Arthur Guiterman, and many others have graciously responded. Perhaps your secretary or some member in your family has in mind an incident that would lend itself for record.

I do so hope that in your kindness you will not look upon this request as an imposition. I am fully conscious of my encroachment on your time but your absent-moment totalled to the many others that I may secure might bring pleasure to others if and when these should be published.

Sincerely yours,
Abraham Mandelstam

Mr.William Edward Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

141-5-46

23 October 1941

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 10, I enclose an incident of absent mindedness which may interest you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Abraham Mandelstam
40 West 72nd Street
New York City
New York

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About 1902 I was asked to speak at Swarthmore College on the occasion of a summer assembly in June on a Monday night. On the following Tuesday night I was to address the graduating class of the "M" Street Colored High School in Washington. These graduation exercises were held in the city opera house and were perhaps the most important social occasion of colored Washington which has always formed an outstanding group. I accepted both invitations cheerfully and then left Atlanta with my wife and infant daughter to spend a few days in Atlantic City because the little girl had not been very well. She and I played together on the beach. I remember distinctly saying on Monday night, "I was thinking I had to leave here today but, of course, it isn't until tomorrow". On Tuesday I went to Swarthmore and was greeted pleasantly by the president. He installed me in a cheerful room and then as he turned to go, said pleasantly, "There was a little misunderstanding in dates, wasn't there?" "Oh, No, I said, and then suddenly I asked what day of the month is this? I found to my consternation that because I had in some way assumed that a commencement exercise always took place on Wednesday I had come to Swarthmore on Tuesday, when I should have come Monday; and at that very hour I could see a hundred graduates all dressed in white sitting on the platform of a crowded opera house in Washington and waiting for an absent speaker! A telegram would have reached ~~neby~~ no one whom I knew because they were not home. There were no airplanes in those days. All I could do was to wait. I worried all night and then as I attempted Wednesday morning to deliver my postponed address before the audience at Swarthmore, for the first and only time in my life I toppled over in a dead faint. The doctor ordered me not to be disturbed so that I could not explain to Washington the reason of my absence. I understand that some inquiring friends in Washington wanted to know if I was in the habit of drinking heavily

W. E. B. Du Bois

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ABRAHAM MANDELSTAM
40 WEST 72ND STREET
NEW YORK

Request to write article

October 30, 1941

My dear Mr. Du Bois:

Thank you so much for your kind letter in answer to my request for an incident of Absent-mindedness. I do so appreciate your help.

Very sincerely,

Abraham Mandelstam

4/6-5-1143

[Manual Training School]

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL
BORDENTOWN

W. R. VALENTINE
PRINCIPAL

March 4, 1941.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Box 356,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

This is in reply to yours of February 18th in which you ask if I had a member of our faculty expert in the economic and social conditions of the Negroes in our state and to let you have the name and address of that person. I am suggesting the name of my son, W. R. Valentine, Jr., who is our Extension Worker and has been Extension Worker for about three years. He has taken his master's degree from New York University and has completed the New York School of Social Work and is on several state committees.

I am certainly glad to hear from you. I wish you would stop by to see us sometime when you are in this section. We would all be glad to see you. I am certainly interested in your first Phylon Institute.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. Valentine

Principal.

WRV:M

18-27-84

28 March 1941

18-27-85

My dear Mr. Valentine:

Your father suggests that you might be interested in the FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE and Twenty-Fifth Atlanta University Conference which we are holding at Atlanta University, April 17, 18 and 19 to study the economic condition and trends of American Negroes. We should be very glad to have you attend if you can. Board and lodging for the three days will gladly be furnished.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. R. Valentine, Jr.
Manual Training School
Bordentown, New Jersey

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL
BORDENTOWN

W. R. VALENTINE
PRINCIPAL

April 3, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

My dear DuBois:

18-27-87

I thank you for your cordial invitation to be present at the Phylon Institute. I am trying to make arrangements so that I may attend, but at this moment I am unable to say definitely whether or not I can get there. Will you inform me what time on Thursday, April 17, the meeting convenes?

In the event I am able to come, I should like to bring Mrs. Valentine, Jr., for the trip. Could you inform me about possible accommodations for her, and the approximate cost?

Very sincerely yours,

W. R. Valentine Jr.

W. R. Valentine, Jr.
Extension Worker

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL
BORDENTOWN

W. R. VALENTINE
PRINCIPAL

April 4, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

18-27-88

My dear Dr. DuBois:

It has come to my attention today that the stenographer in a rush to get my letter of yesterday off to you did not complete the salutation as it should have been. I had a field assignment and had to have the letter signed in my absence. I hope you will understand that no discourtesy was meant and that we regret very much the omission of "Dr." at the opening of the letter.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Valentine, Jr.

W. R. Valentine, Jr.
Extension Worker

WRVJr:J

8 April 1941

12-12-21-28

My dear Mr. Valentine:

We will be very glad to have you and your wife attend the conference. We may not be able to lodge you together but we will do our best.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. R. Valentine, Jr.
Manual Training School
Bordentown, New Jersey

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DR W E B DUBOIS=

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY=

REGRET HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE MY SCHEDULE TO ALLOW ME TO BE WITH YOU AT THE CONFERENCE COULD NOT POSSIBLY ARRIVE THERE BEFORE LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON LETTER WILL FOLLOW=

W R VALENTINE JR.

18-27-90

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL
BORDENTOWN

W. R. VALENTINE
PRINCIPAL

April 15, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I received on yesterday the tentative program of the PHYLON INSTITUTE and wish to thank you for it. I regret exceedingly, however, that I shall be unable to be present. I did not realize until I saw the outline that I was being included on the program, and am very sorry that I could not notify you until now of my plans.

18-27-81

We are presenting a concert in Jersey City on the evening of April 17; the greater part of the responsibility for this event is mine. I have been trying, however, to arrange to be relieved of my duty or to leave Jersey City immediately after the program, but it becomes impossible now to do this.

I appreciate greatly your invitation to come to the Institute and hope that another year I may be invited as I am very interested in the program and should like to attend.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Valentine Jr.

W. R. Valentine, Jr.
Extension Worker

WRVJr:J

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Wm E B Du Bois
2502 Montebello Terrace

TO STATE OF MARYLAND
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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE DR.

1941 REAL PROPERTY TAX BILL.

27/7/19/20 595 5

ASSESSMENT 6500

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO CITY COLLECTOR BALTIMORE

	AMOUNT	DISCOUNT	INTEREST & PENALTY
FLAT RATE WATER		NONE	
STATE TAX .2335 PER $100	14 71	NONE	
CITY $2.6057 WELFARE .2443 TOTAL $2.8500	179 55		769
SPECIAL PAVING ACT OF 1912			
TOTAL	194 26		
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TOTAL	19695		

1941 DISCOUNT	STATE	CITY
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Oct.	½%	4½%
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1941 REAL PROPERTY TAX BILL

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W.E.B.DuBois, 2302 Montebello Terrace

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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE DR.

1941 REAL PROPERTY TAX BILL

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STATE TAX .2335 PER $100	70	NONE
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SPECIAL PAVING ACT OF 1912		
TOTAL	9 25	
DISCOUNT OR INTEREST & PENALTY	13	
TOTAL	938	

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Wm E B Du Bois
2302 Montebello Terrace

TO STATE OF MARYLAND
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE DR.

27/7/19/20 595 5

1941 REAL PROPERTY TAX BILL

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STATE TAX .2335 PER $100	14 71	NONE	
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TAX RATE [illegible]941 PER $100.00

GENERAL GOV.	$2.5634
WELFARE	.2443
*PUBLIC IMP.	.0423
TOTAL CITY RATE	2.85

*PAY-AS-YOU-GO

DISTRIBUTION OF TAX RATE	Tax Rate $2.85	Each $1.00
1. Administrative and Judical	$ .1481	$.0519
2. Protection of Persons & Property	.4827	.1694
3. Conservation of Health	.0433	.0152
4. Sanitation and Promotion of Cleanliness	.1292	.0453
5. Highways	.0664	.0233
6. Corrections	.0039	.0014
7. Education	.5883	.2064
8. Recreation	.0459	.0161
10. Debt Service (Fixed Charges-Interest & Debt Retirement)	.9661	.3390
11. Pensions	.0895	.0314
12. Welfare	.2443	.0857
13. Public Improvements	.0423	.0149
Total City Tax Rate	$2.85	$1.00

DATA REGARDING 1941 LEVY

Assessable at City Rate	$1,236,617,794.00
Assessable at Other Fixed Rates	264,500,000.00
Total Assessable Basis for 1941	$1,501,117,794.00

WATER RATES FOR DWE[illegible]GS

FRONT FOOT		ANNUAL CHARGE
Over	Not Over	
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1941 Taxes not paid by July 1, 1941 are in arrears and property is subject to sale. Retain this bill and present with your payment.

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Payment of this bill for current taxes will not prevent sale of property if taxes are unpaid for other years.

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TAX RATES FOR 1941 PER $100.00

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Pay no money for taxes to anyone who comes to your home or office. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat.—12:30 p.m. Make all checks payable to:

THOMAS G. YOUNG
City Collector, Baltimore

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All taxable property you possess October 1st is assessed for the following year's taxes, for which you are liable.

TAX RATES FOR 1941 PER $100.00

Bank Shares $1.00—Surety Guaranty & Fidelity Co.'s $1.00—Saving Bank Deposits $.18¾—1c of the tax rate produces $116,242.07.

Pay this bill only to the City Collector's cashiers at the Municipal Office Building, Holliday and Lexington Sts., or to the Tellers at the Banks authorized to collect taxes.

Pay no money for taxes to anyone who comes to your home or office. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat.—12:30 p.m. Make all checks payable to:

THOMAS G. YOUNG
City Collector, Baltimore

Checks are received only as a convenience to the taxpayer or to the person in whose name this account is opened, and credit to the account will not be final until the check has been paid to the Bureau of Receipts by the bank on which it has been drawn. The Department assumes no responsibility for any delays that may occur between the time the check is given and its presentation to the bank on which it is drawn for payment.

0(2)818R HANDYSETS—MFD. BY THE BALTIMORE SALESBOOK CO., BALTIMORE, MD.

TAX RATE FOR 1941 PER $100.00

GENERAL GOV.	$2.5634
WELFARE	.2443
*PUBLIC IMP.	.0423
TOTAL CITY RATE	2.85

*PAY-AS-YOU-GO

DISTRIBUTION OF TAX RATE	Tax Rate $2.85	Each $1.00
1. Administrative and Judical	$ .1481	$.0519
2. Protection of Persons & Property	.4827	.1694
3. Conservation of Health	.0433	.0152
4. Sanitation and Promotion of Cleanliness	.1292	.0453
5. Highways	.0664	.0233
6. Corrections	.0039	.0014
7. Education	.5883	.2064
8. Recreation	.0459	.0161
10. Debt Service (Fixed Charges-Interest & Debt Retirement)	.9661	.3390
11. Pensions	.0895	.0314
12. Welfare	.2443	.0857
13. Public Improvements	.0423	.0149
Total City Tax Rate	$2.85	$1.00

DATA REGARDING 1941 LEVY

Assessable at City Rate	$1,236,617,794.00
Assessable at Other Fixed Rates	264,500,000.00
Total Assessable Basis for 1941	$1,501,117,794.00

WATER RATES FOR DWELLINGS

FRONT FOOT Over	Not Over	ANNUAL CHARGE
	12 FEET	$6.00
12 FEET	13 "	8.00
13 "	14 "	10.00
14 "	15 "	11.00
15 "	16 "	12.50
16 "	17 "	14.00
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18 "	19 "	20.00
19 "	22 "	22.00
22 "	25 "	24.00
25 "	30 "	25.00
30 "	35 "	27.50
35 "	40 "	30.00
40 "		32.50

Alteration or demolition of a building or removal or installation of water fixtures in building under flat rate water must be reported to water engineer:

To create an official vacancy $1.00 must be paid collector to abate. Vacancy must be in existence three months or more and request made to collector in writing. Turn offs in winter are important to prevent freezing. Owner must keep stop-cock accessible and stop-box in repair.

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[MASSACHUSETTS - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION]

Request for information

17 January 1941

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly send me with bill your tercentenary bulletin published in 1930? I shall be under great obligation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Department of Education
State of Massachusetts
Boston, Massachusetts

[MASSACHUSETTS- DEPT- OF EDUCATION]

18-35-75

4 April 1941

Request for information

My dear Sir:

In your bulletin for 1930, No. I, page 157 occurs this sentence "The first Royal Governor, Sir William Phips, was a Negro boy who became rich by discovering a sunken Spanish treasure ship." In one of the copies of this bulletin there is inserted on this page an erratum which says "substitute for the last sentence of the first paragraph . . . 'The first Royal Governor, Sir William Phips, was a Maine Boy . . .'" Will you kindly tell me the source of this information either for the original statement or for its correction or for both?

I shall be under great obligation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Frank P. Morse
Supervisor of Secondary Education
c/o Massachusetts Department of Education
Boston

[MASS.-DEPT. OF EDUCAT.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Education

200 Newbury St. Boston

WALTER F. DOWNEY
COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

April 11, 1941

18-40-12

W. E. B. Du Bois, Editor
Phylon
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Du Bois:

I have received your letter of April 4, in which you bring to my attention a sentence in a bulletin of this Department under date of 1930. This was Bulletin #1, page 157. The sentence which was quoted there reads as follows: "The first Royal Governor, Sir William Phips, was a Negro boy who became rich by discovering a sunken Spanish treasure ship."

As you state, there is included on the same page an erratum reading as follows: "Substitute for the last sentence of the first paragraph...'The first Royal Governor, Sir William Phips, was a Maine boy...'"

Mr. Morse is now deceased. I have conferred with his secretary, and as she recalls, the original manuscript was not clear and the word "Mayne" was misread by the individual doing the clerical work. The statement printed in the erratum appears to be correct.

Very truly yours,

A. Russell Mack
Supervisor of Secondary Education

[MAYS]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

18-43-42

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 5, 1941

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Despite the fact that you, like myself, are constantly annoyed with questionnaires, I hope you will do me the favor of filling out this one at once and returning it to me.

I need it in connection with a Seminar on Religion that I am holding at Fisk University May 1, which is in connection with its 75th anniversary.

Will you be kind enough to respond at once?

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly

Benjamin E. Mays

BEM:G

Benjamin E. Mays
President

[BENJAMIN MAYS, c. APRIL 1941]

Faith in the good life and its ultimate triumph.

87-24-81

Christian church affiliation usually brings people in contact with upper cultural classes. Christianity as a creed seems to have very little effect upon the average man.

I cannot see that historical Christianity has had any decisive influence upon social, economic and political life.

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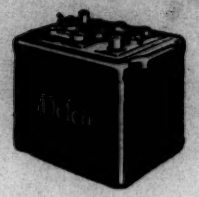

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
HUTCHINS HALL

Request for recommendation

July 12, 1941

Professor W. E. B. Du Bois,
Head, Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

12-31-51

Dear Sir:

Permit me to thank you for your helpful letter of July 7th, recommending George Strickland for admission to this Law School. We are glad to have your impressions of this young man.

Very truly yours,

Paul A. Leray

Secretary

PAL/HG

[MILLER]

Smith Manor Towers
1406 West Eighteenth Street
Little Rock Arkansas
February 3, 1941.

Doctor G. B. DuBois
Professor of Sociology,
Atlanta University
Atlanta Georgia.

Eminent Sir:

I called you before I heard you, and I heard you before I called you, in reference to your noted lecture on the Northwest side of Chicago in reference to social service humanitarian of value in a religious way more or less, even as it pertained to my social settlement sphere I was head resident at the time in question in quite a significant way, if you please, in reference to your illustrious being, indeed, as it was then, and as it is now, if you please indeed, to have followed you very since as a Beacon Light ahead from the cotton fields of the Mighty South-

18-39-22

18-39-23

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18-39-24

all of these years to have served thee at this distance away as one of the "Guiding Stars" of our race given herein and signed in the Southland, if you please, until I am now an orphan bereft in such a way as to lack benefaction of the kind thy people at this distance in Springfield in republico, if you please, even with despatch, including an application blank for me to fill, if you please with my wishing you the highest felicities, both of purpose imaginable, at this time of parture, with my believing that it will requite me, far or near in reference hereto in connection herewith, in reference to the purity of my purpose indeed in this connection, if you please.

Yours lovingly,

(Mrs.) Laura E. Miller

(Laura Lee E. Miller)

18-39-25

21 February 1941

My dear Madam:

I am simply a teacher in Atlanta University and have nothing to do with the filling of vacancies. You should address any application of that sort to the President of the University. I may add in passing that the University of Chicago writes me that you received no degree from that university.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-39-27

Mrs. Laura Lee E. Miller
Smith Manor House
1406 West Eighteenth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Request for information

18-35-106

421 east st. Augustine Street
Tallahassee, Florida
January 15, 1941

Mr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am interested in securing information concerning famous Negro Poets during the last ten years.

I wish very much for you to send me some sketches of the lives of Negro Poets and any other information that you have about them.

Very truly yours,
Louise Miller.

18-35-107

6 February 1941

My dear Madam:

You will find the best information concerning Negro poets up to 1931 in the BOOK OF AMERICAN NEGRO POETRY edited by the late James Weldon Johnson. For poetry since that time I am afraid I cannot guide you but you might write to the editor of OPPORTUNITY, 1133 Broadway, New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Louise Miller
421 East St. Augustine Street
Tallahassee, Florida

[Ming]

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.
SCHOOL OF LAW
FOUNDED BY GENERAL O. O. HOWARD

October 21, 1941

Request to read manuscript

18-31-8

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Editor, Phylon
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I have prepared a review of Charles S. Mangum's "The Legal Status of the Negro." It is about 1500 words long. Would you be interested in publishing it?

Yours very truly,

W. R. Ming, Jr.

W. R. Ming, Jr.,
Assistant Professor.

WRM/h

28 October 1941

12-31-9

My dear Sir:

I should be very glad to see your review of Mangum's THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE NEGRO. It may be a little too long but at any rate let us read it.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. R. Ming, Jr.
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

[University of Minnesota]

1 April 1941

18-25-10

Gentlemen:

I am to speak at the Convocation of the University of Minnesota, Thursday morning, April twenty-fourth. No subject as yet has been chosen. May I suggest one of the two following: THE PRESENT WAR AND THE DARKER RACES, REMINISCENCES OF FIFTY YEARS? I should also like to know the length of the speech. May I hear from you at your early convenience?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Lecture Bureau
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

[University of Minnesota]

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS

April 4, 1941

OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY DEAN AND
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

18-25-11

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois

Your letter of April 1 has been forwarded to Dean Malcolm M. Willey as he is in charge of the convocations at the University of Minnesota.

The topic he has selected for your address on April 24 is "Democracy and the Darker Races." As Dean Willey is out of the city until the latter part of next week, his reply to your inquiries will of necessity be delayed until his return. For your information, however, I may add that the convocation hour is 11:30 in the morning and the speaker has 43 minutes at his disposal.

Cordially yours

Helen C. Ulrich

Helen C. Ulrich
Secretary to Dean M. M. Willey

[Univ. of Minnesota]

STUDENTS FORUM

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Lectures

April 5, 1941

18-44-81

Dr. William E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
University of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

For the past two years, the University of Minnesota administration and the Students Forum have collaborated in the presentation of convocation forums. In response to the demand of the student body and faculty to question the convocation speaker who deals with important social problems, Professor Max Lerner, Mr. Louis Fischer, and Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard were guests at the open meetings of the Students Forum last year.

The procedure has been to have the speaker give his convocation address as scheduled. Following this discussion, a luncheon is served in the Coffman Memorial Union to which several faculty members and students have been invited. When the luncheon is concluded, the Forum is called to order and the audience is invited to question the speaker on his views as expressed in the convocation address. The rules governing this period are simple, and the meeting is conducted like the question period of the famous Town Meeting of the Air.

Dean Willey has suggested that you be invited to give a convocation forum because of your eminence as an authority on the very timely topic which you are discussing, "Democracy and the Darker Races". We would greatly appreciate an early reply because of administrative requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation

Very truly yours,
STUDENTS FORUM
Maxine Kurtz
Maxine Kurtz, Secretary

[University of Minnesota -]

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION
MINNEAPOLIS

UNIVERSITY RADIO STATION WLB
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OFFICE OF THE STATION MANAGER

April 8, 1941

To Dr. Du Bois for reply - from M. C.Smith

Lectures

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Open Forum Speakers' Bureau
80 Boylston Street
Boston,Massachusetts

18-44-120

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

I have been notified by the administration of the University that you will be the convocation speaker on April 24. As you probably already know, all the convocation lectures are broadcast by the University of Minnesota radio station, WLB, in Minneapolis. This broadcast will entail no additional work on your part, since we will broadcast your talk as you present it to the audience in Northrop Auditorium.

We are arranging a supplementary series of broadcasts in order to present the convocation speakers to the radio public in informal interviews. We have set aside for this program a period on Thursday afternoon from 3:15 to 3:30; this time, we have found, is usually convenient for the speakers appearing on Thursday mornings. Periods will be available, however, on Wednesday afternoon or on Friday morning in the event that a Thursday afternoon broadcast cannot be arranged.

You are under no obligation to take part in this interview, but we should like to have you appear if possible. The University administration approves of this supplementary series, but agrees with us that the scheduling of these programs is at the convenience of the speakers. Perhaps I should explain that the University of Minnesota radio station is an entirely non-commercial organization, presenting only programs of educational character. It is supported entirely by the University.

May I hear from you in the near future on this matter, so that we can make up our publicity schedule?

Sincerely,

Burton Paulu

Burton Paulu
Manager

BP:an

RADIO STATION WLB

15 April 1941

611-44-21

My dear Madam:

I shall be glad to take part in the Students Forum.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Maxine Kurtz
Students Forum
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis

15 April 1941

18-44-121

My dear Sir:

I shall be glad to broadcast for you Thursday afternoon at 3:15.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Burton Paulu
Radio Station WLB
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS

OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY DEAN AND
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

April 17, 1941

Lectures

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlant University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-44-125

Dear Dr. Du Bois

My secretary has already written you that we had selected "Democracy and the Darker Races" as the subject for your talk to the Student Convocation at the University of Minnesota on Thursday morning, April 24. I notice that in your more recent list of subjects, this topic has been amended to "The Present War and the Darker Races." We shall announce this as the subject of your Minnesota lecture.

The speaker on the program has 43 minutes at his disposal. We are looking forward to your visit with great pleasure. When you reach the city, I should appreciate it if you would call my office, at which time I can arrange for transportation to bring you to the campus in time for the address.

The group to which you speak will be largely undergraduates and drawn from all colleges of the University. The audience will be a large one. I can assure you of a hearty welcome.

Cordially yours

Malcolm M. Willey
University Dean and
Assistant to the President

[University of Minnesota]

18-25-12

18 April 1941

My dear Sir:

I shall arrive in Saint Paul, Tuesday and come over to speak Thursday. My address in Saint Paul will be in care of Jose Sherwood, 971 Saint Anthony Avenue, Saint Paul.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dean Malcolm M. Willey
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis

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July 30, 1945

Request for permission to quote

18-31-55

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
409 Edgecombe Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

May I have permission to use your lines beginning;

"Herein lies the tragedy of the age,
Not that men are poor . . . "

in a study guide to be issued about September 1st for use in church groups? I shall appreciate your courtesy very much.

Sincerely yours,

Beta D. McClintock (C)

McC/c

(Mrs. E. E. McClintock)

[Missions Council]

August 1, 1945

18-31-56

My dear Mrs. McClintock:

You have my permission to use the quotation mentioned in your letter of July 30th.

You should also obtain the permission of the publishers.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. DuBois

Mrs. E. B. McClintock
Missions Council of the
Congregational Christian Church
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

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Jackson, Mississippi

11-26-41

Negro Hotels

January 13, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Your letter received. Mrs. Hattie A. Wilson, 154 Oakley Street, Jackson, Mississippi will be very glad to provide two clean rooms for you and your guests in passing through Jackson. Please let me know immediately the date and approximate hour of your arrival.

Very sincerely yours,

B. B. Dansby, Director
Records and Admissions

bbd mj

17-26-12

18 January 1941

My dear Mr. Dansby:

We thank you very much for you kind answer to my letter but we have decided to stop in Meridian instead of Jackson.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. B. B. Dansby
Mississippi Negro Training School
Jackson, Mississippi

[Moore, I.L.]

18-44-81 021-126

5 May 1941

My dear Mr. Moore:

I have just returned home for the last of my series of lectures. I want to tell you how much I appreciate your kindness and sacrifice in making my stay in the Twin Cities so pleasant. I am sending a book herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. I. L. Moore
3705 Fourth Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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May 19, 1941

18-44-127

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Box 356
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I received your letter and also the copy of your book for which I'm very grateful indeed. I have the book about half read and I think it is a masterpiece. Will say when next you are in the Twin Cities I shall consider it a privilege to be able to serve you.

Very respectfully,

I. L. Moore

ILM:etb

[Lewis Moore]

J. W. YANCY II
PRESIDENT

BISHOP GEO. B. YOUNG
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MRS. L. T. MOORE
DEAN

Paul Quinn College

Waco, Texas

Social Memo

January 13, 1941

12-22-55

Dr W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
Dear Dr. Du Bois,

Although I have not seen you recently, I have so many pleasant recollections of you. I am planning to drive down to Prairie View during the time you are here.

I know that you are a very busy person but I am wondering if you are too busy to take a few days off for complete relaxation.

I am living in my own big comfortable place now. My son, of Detroit, is in Tia Juana,

with the exception of the girl who helps me, I am quite alone and enjoy the quiet of my surroundings.

Please try to find the time to accept the invitation. I will promise that you will not have to make a speech.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lewis

18-22-56

1 February 1941

LS-22-81

My dear Lewis:

I was at Prairie View four days, January 23, 24, 25 and 26 but if I saw you I did not know you and I have a suspicion that you did not carry out that plan. I am so sorry because I wanted to see you and tell you how much I appreciate your kind invitation. If I get a chance I shall certainly accept it. Write and tell me about your work.

Yours with best regards,

Mrs. L. T. Moore
Paul Quinn College
Waco, Texas

[MOREHOUSE COLL.]

18-43-51

4 February 1941

Memo to President Mays:

PHYLON is in rather desperate need of another room for storage, mailing and meetings. I have been asking Atlanta University for another room but the President write)me that none of their space in the building is available at present. I am venturing to ask you if any of the space allotted to Morehouse College in the Administration Building could possibly be used even temporarily, and if so, what charges there would be? I shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

President Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

[MOREHOUSE COLL.]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Benjamin E. Mays

18-43-52

February 8, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Your letter of February 4 was on my desk when I returned to the office this morning. I am very sorry to state that Morehouse College has no available space. We have in the Administration Building offices for the President of Morehouse College, for the Dean of Men, for Doctor Hubert and the joint business offices (Registrar and Bursar). We have not been able to get additional offices for the Morehouse teachers. If we had any space available, we would gladly let you have it.

I have been planning to say to you for some time that Mrs. Mays and I read "Dusk of Dawn" during the Christmas holidays. I am very glad that you wrote this book. It cleared up many points; for example, your controversy with Booker Washington is set in new light in "Dusk of Dawn". I appreciate too the statement as to why you left the N.A.A.C.P.; in fact I found the whole book quite rewarding.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Benjamin E. Mays

BEM:MLB

Benjamin E. Mays
President

N. B. Mrs. Mays wants to know what day this week you could have dinner with us. I will drop by to check on this.

B. E. M.

[MOREHOUSE COLL.]

18-43-50

4 February 1941

My dear President Mays:

I was out of town January 24 in attendance upon a conference with agricultural workers and officials of the Federal Government in Prairie View, Texas. I could not, therefore, attend the conference which you called for that day. I should be very glad, however, to talk with you about any matters connected with Morehouse men at any time you suggest.

Very sincerely yours,

President Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College

[Morehouse College]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA. GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 21, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I-27-8 I shall cooperate with you in whatever way I can as you go forward with your proposed conference on the Economic Condition of American Negroes.

I would like for you to include Mr. B. R. Brazeal who has some valuable data on the economic condition of Negroes with special reference to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

I hope I may be able to attend.

Yours truly

Benjamin E. Mays

BEM:G

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 5, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-27-20

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am very happy to note that you have received such a wonderful response from the colleges in connection with your conference on "The Economic Condition and Social Trends of the American Negro." I am very pleased to see this wide interest manifested in a worthy and needy project.

I was in Indianapolis last Sunday and the people are expecting you this coming Sunday. I spoke on "The Dead Ends in Race Relations," attempting to show that our situation is so complicated in this country that every theory of race relations that has been advanced since emancipation has led somewhat to dead ends. In this analysis I had to give considerable time to the philosophy of Mr. Washington, that of the N. A. A. C. P., and some time to your newer emphasis, the economic future of the Negro.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours truly

Benjamin E. Mays

BEM:G

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

18-41-32

March 21, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I wish to thank you for your invitation to attend the first Phylon institute and the Twenty-Fifth Atlanta University Conference on the Economic Condition and Trends of the American Negro. I accept your invitation and look forward to the conference with a deal of interest.

It is true that at the present time I am doing some research concerning Negro workers in railroad transportation. This research deals specifically with the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Even though my thesis has not as yet been published, I shall be glad to make certain portions of it available for discussion during the conference if this should be desired.

I am fairly well acquainted with the economic conditions of the Negro in the state of Georgia. I am planning additional studies which will be in the field of labor economics insofar as Negroes are concerned. I am particularly interested in pressure group activities of Negroes. I am also interested in further study of Negro railroad workers.

With every kind wish, I am

Yours sincerely

B. R. Brazeal

BRB:G

[Morehouse Coll.]

8 April 1941

18-43-96

Memorandum to President Mays:

I have had some doubt as to the propriety or usefulness of my attending the meetings of the Morehouse faculty. I have usually only four or five Morehouse students in my classes each semester and as a professor in Atlanta University, I would have, of course, no voice in the decisions of the Morehouse faculty. On the other hand, I am very much interested in the college work in Morehouse and Spelman and have in the past made several comments and suggestions. I would be very glad to talk over with you at your convenience the Morehouse situation as I see it.

President Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta

[MOREHOUSE COLL.]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

18-43-45

September 27, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This letter comes to thank you for your contribution of $50 towards the Morehouse Endowment Campaign which came from Atlanta University yesterday. I am enclosing an official receipt.

Mrs. Mays and I are hoping we can get together very soon in the school year for a friendly fellowship.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin E. Mays

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MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
Atlanta, Georgia

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Fifty Dollars

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Thank you!

$ 50 00

Feb-21

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE.
By J. L. Alexander

Lectures 1942

4 November 1941

8-23-26

Memo to Mr. Brazeal:

I am to speak in Chicago, November eleventh. I can speak for Morehouse, November eighteenth or almost any other convenient date.

Dean B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta

Lectures 1942

9 December 1941

18-39-52

Memo to Mr. Tillman:

I shall be glad to make a talk at the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary celebration of Morehouse College. I should like to consult you again concerning time, length and subject.

Mr. K. P. Tillman
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[MORGAN ST. COLL.]

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18-41-52

February 20, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I thank you very much for your letter of February 18, and for the enclosure outlining your plan for a preliminary conference followed by study relative to the economic condition and trend of Negro Americans.

In response to your specific inquiry, I take pleasure in naming as a suitable person to attend your conference Mr. Earl R. Moses of our Department of Sociology here. Mr. Moses is just now completing a rather extensive study of Maryland Negroes from the standpoint of juvenile delinquency and is therefore very much in touch with the social and economic conditions of the people of this state. He is a very bright young man and quite competent in methods of research. I believe that you will find him a worthwhile addition to the group that you have in mind.

With sincerest good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

D. O. W. Holmes

DOWHpt
cc:Mr. Moses

[Morgan College]

MORGAN COLLEGE

BALTIMORE, MD.

February 21, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-27-26

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

President Holmes has advised me concerning my nomination as a prospective member of the forthcoming FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE and TWENTY-FIFTH ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE.

This letter is to advise you of my willing and hearty cooperation in the work of the INSTITUTE.

I will be glad to have additional information or instructions at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Earl R. Moses

Department of Sociology.

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BALTIMORE. MD.

18-44-231

April 2, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Mr. W. O. Bryson, teacher of economics at Morgan State College, will represent Morgan State College at the conference which you are planning to hold in Atlanta on April 17, 18 and 19. If any communication concerning your conference is required between now and that time, please address it to Mr. Bryson here at the College.

With sincerest good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

D. O. W. Holmes

DOWHpt

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE

BALTIMORE, MD.

April 13, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have made arrangements to attend the First PHYLON INSTITUTE since I am seriously interested in the economic condition of the Negro. I have been in Maryland three and one-half years and have been observing the economic condition of Negroes and working with the Maryland Association for the Promotion of Business.

As executive secretary of the above organization I am at present making a study of the buying habits of the people who live in the neighborhoods of Colored grocers. This study has not been completed. However, approximately four-hundred families have already been interviewed.

The most recent study of the economic and social conditions here was the "Negro Community of Baltimore" by Ira De A. Reid. In reply to your question concerning future studies, I have not planned any studies for the future. I am of the opinion that this conference will bring to light some studies that can be made throughout the United States.

For your information I am enclosing a DIRECTORY published by the Maryland Assn. for the Promotion of Business.

Very sincerely yours,

W. O. Bryson, Jr.

W. O. Bryson, Jr.
Department of Commerce

191-44-81

Morris Brown College

Atlanta, Georgia

February 20, 1941

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr.W. E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-27-33

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

You will please pardon my failure to reply earlier to your letter of February 13. At that time, I was out of the city.

I am writing to recommend Mr. J. O. Slade of our faculty who is well acquainted with the economic and social conditions of the Negro. He will be glad to attend the conference that will be held in April.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Fountain, Jr.

WAF:J

MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

March 13, 1941

DEBATE SOCIETY

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-27-72

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of some days ago.

I shall be happy to render any service I can toward making THE FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE a success.

Very shortly I shall be in position to answer the questions raised in the latter portion of your letter, at which time I shall write you again.

Sincerely yours,

J. O. Slade
Department of Sociology

JOS:ET

[MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE]

15

1 July 1941

18-33-157

My dear President Fountain:

I presume you have already heard something of the FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE and Twenty-Fifth Atlanta University Conference. I am going to send you later reports and reprints of some of the papers read. There were fifty-one delegates present representing thirty-five institutions. Several other institutions were unable to be represented but expressed sympathy with the idea.

I am writing to ask you to give some thought during the spring and summer to the future of these conferences and the cooperation involved. Nearly every one of our institutions has a section devoted to vocational guidance. Sometimes it is unorganized, but the distinct burden of finding employment for the men and women we are educating has been laid upon us. My idea which is tentatively illustrated by the First Phylon Institute is through cooperative effort among the land- grant colleges, the private colleges and other organizations, to make regular and repeated surveys of the economic possibilities lying before American Negroes. There is a good deal of work of this sort done by individual colleges and organizations and if every college had a separate field and problem this might suffice. But for the most part we are all studying the same field and the same problems with minor local differences.

Is not this a chance for cooperation; for cooperation in the collecting of material, the laying down of research programs; the interpretation of proposed helps and remedies? If one college, for instance, or one study group should appropriate five hundred dollars for investigation into economic conditions and should give a competent scholar some relief from his teaching so that he could undertake this work, something but not very much would be accomplished. If, on the other hand, fifty institutions and groups should appropriate five hundred dollars a piece and if the field of work was so planned and laid out that it could beccovered by twenty or thirty professors or students giving part time, we would have a research budget of twenty-five thousand dollars and a personnel among the best in the United States. What we would need them would be guidance and coordination of this work and publication of results.

I want you to think of how this can be best brought about. I have in mind a sort of federation of the colleges and groups for this limited economic purpose, leaving full autonomy and financial control to each institution, and yet having enough of coordination so that one unified study would result. The publication of results could be done in part through

periodicals like PHYLON; in part by special publications issued by individual institutions and in part possibly by some scheme of joint publication.

Will you think this matter over and write me sometime in the next few months any proposal which you have for the carrying out of a plan of cooperation something like this which I have outlined? I have come to now fixed conclusions myself. I started the movement at Atlanta University because I happened to be myself situated here and because it is a central place and an institution with traditions along this line; but it is quite possible that you will prefer some other center of effort. The only thing that I am certain of is that the greatest problem before the American Negro today is a plan for such economic organization of his life that he can earn an income suitable for a person who is to take part in civilization. Such planning I believe to be possible by united effort. The only question is: how can such union of effort be obtained?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President W. A. Fountain
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia

I-33-158

18-35-58

MRS. J. A. MORROW
515 SOUTH HAYES
ENID, OKLAHOMA

request for information

Enid, Okla.
May 25, 1941

Dr. William E. B. Du Bois:

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed clipping was cut from a recent issue of "The Chicago Tribune." As Vice Chairman of a group of women of Presbyterian Church, I am responsible for a program for June meeting, our theme being, "The American Negro." Naturally this clipping attracted my attention, so am taking the liberty to write you asking for information on the subject or where I may obtain up to date data.

Resp.
Mrs. J. A. Morrow

18-35-416

Request for information

29 May 1941

My dear Madam:

You will find a discussion of the economic plight of the Negro in my book DUSK OF DAWN, chapters seven, eight and nine. The book was published by Harcourt, Brace and Company in 1940.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. J. A. Morrow
515 South Hayes
Enid, Oklahoma

GUNNAR MYRDAL
BOX 15, HANOVER, N. H.
TEL: HANOVER 30, BRANCH 245

18-33-164

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

August
15th
1941

Dear Mr. DuBois:

Since the beginning of March I am back in this country to finish the main report of my study. I have been spending the summer at the excellent library of Dartmouth College reading. I spent yesterday on your book Dusk of Dawn, and I think I can tell you that I was one of your most attentive readers.

I was particularly interested in getting the sidelights on the Tuskegee machine. On page 73:

> "It was not merely passive in these matters but, guided by a young unobtrusive minor official who was also intelligent, suave and far-seeing, active efforts were made to concentrate influence at Tuskegee."

May I venture to ask you whom you mean? If you don't want to answer me, I will understand you as I would if you should answer but would want me to keep the information confidential.

From fall on I will possibly have my headquarters in Princeton. I would certainly like to have the great pleasure and the advantage of meeting you again either there, in New York, or Washington or in Atlanta. In this stage of my work I think also that I have a better background for benefiting from a frank discussion with you. With my best personal greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

GM:RM

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1941

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東北帝國大學教授
電氣通信研究所々員
工學博士　永井健三

April 7, 1941

Social Memos

Professor W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Professor Dubois:

18-28-1

This is to let you know that I arrived safely in San Francisco several days ago after visiting many interesting parts of your country.

It was a great pleasure to make your acquaintance and I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the many courtesies extended me during my visit to your University.

Please also convey my thanks to the other professors to whom you so kindly introduced me. I am returning to Japan on April 17th on the KAMAKURA MARU.

Should you have the ocassion to visit Japan, I hope you will allow me to reciprocate your kindnesses to me.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

K. Nagai.
K. Nagai

2103 Pine Street
San Francisco, Calif.

15 February 1941

Gentlemen:

bbl-44-81

I have read with interest the article by Jonathan Daniels in your issue of February 8. I write to ask if you would consider an article by me along the following lines:

Many years ago there was a controversy within the Negro race as to whether stress should be put on higher education for the professions and leadership or on industrial education for teaching skills and insuring a chance to work. Today we find that the higher training has opened avenus for Negroes of ability but that despite earnest effort the mass of Negroes are losing their chance to earn a living. There are obvious causes for this situation but I am calling at Atlanta University, April 17, 18 and 19 an institute to study this problem. The institute will be the Twenty-Fifth Atlanta University Conference. These conferences held between 1897 and 1914 were the first systematic attempts to study the Negro problem. They stopped with the first World War. We want to begin again and study the economic condition of Negroes and what sort of planned economy for a minority group can be inaugurated. We hope to make this study continuous with annual meetings and reports.

I should like to expand the above statement in an article in the NATION to be published in the near future. Could you use such an article and what length could it be?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Editors
THE NATION
55 Fifth Avenue
New York City

THE *Nation*

FIFTY-FIVE FIFTH AVENUE · NEW YORK CITY

18-44-109

February 18, 1941

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

We should be very interested in the article you suggest. Probably 2,000 to 2500 words would be about the most convenient length for us.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Rovere

Richard H. Rovere
Assistant Editor

Mr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

27 February 1941

18-44-811

My dear Mr. Rovere:

In accordance with your letter of February 18, I am sending you an article on "A Twenty-Fifth Atlanta Conference" which I hope you will be able to use. I have cut it down to about 2,800 words but I shall trust your judgment to cut it further if you wish.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Richard H. Rovere
The Nation
55 Fifth Avenue
New York City

3 March 1941

111-44-81

My dear Sir:

On page seven of the manuscript I sent to you A TWENTY-FIFTH ATLANTA CONFERENCE I said in the first paragraph "In many great centers of population one-half the Negroes went on public charity." I am afraid this may be an exageration. Will you please change it to "more than a third of the Negroes"?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Richard H. Rovere
The Nation
55 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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March 13, 1941

18-44-112

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am holding on, until I hear from you, to the article you sent us on March 5. While the piece is on the whole interesting and suitable to The Nation, we would prefer, if possible, not to have it connected so specifically with the Atlanta Conference. It is not that we do not wish to print anything about the Conference, but simply that we would be tied down to a pretty specific date in printing it if we left it more or less a prospectus for the meeting. The necessary revision to make it a more general article would, it seems to me, be very slight. I wonder, therefore, if you would be willing to have me send it back to you so that you could make the changes? Perhaps another idea would be to wait until the Conference is over and have you write about some of the possible outcomes and the decisions and policies of the Conference?

I hope that you see what we are driving at, and that some arrangement for changes can be made. On our part, we are confident that out of this we will get a first-rate article.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Rovere

Richard H. Rovere
Assistant Editor

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

put in records of conference and resolutions

THE *Nation*

FIFTY-FIVE FIFTH AVENUE · NEW YORK CITY

March 19, 1941

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am glad that you have decided to revise the article, and I am sure that it will gain added interest that way. So far as the length is concerned, it just about touches our limit. If you are able to cut it down by a page or so, it would be most helpful; otherwise we can handle it in its present length.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Rovere

Richard H. Rovere
Assistant Editor

Mr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-44-81

23 April 1941

My dear Mr. Rovere:

Please find enclosed Dr. Du Bois' article revised in keeping with your letters of March 13 and 19.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. Richard H. Rovere
The Nation
55 Fifth Avenue
New York City

I-44-81

THE Nation

• FIFTY-FIVE FIFTH AVENUE • NEW YORK CITY •

May 16, 1941

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

I am really awfully sorry to have to continue correspondence about the article. In its present form, it seems to me to have many of the qualities that made it off-center in its first version. By suggesting that it be a post-convention article, I had thought that might enable us to dispense with some of the history in the article and make the burden of it the present and the future. Perhaps I did not make myself too clear about that, but I felt that the general article I suggested would be one that would take up in some detail the present situation the American Negro finds himself in --that is, the hysteria brought about by the war and the defense program, and the general tension in the world today as it affects the Negro in America and his way of living. Since these things are uppermost in the minds of all of us, they are, we feel, the things with which The Nation must concern itself. The kind of reflective article you have done, excellent as it is, does not somehow seem to fit the temper of the moment - at least for The Nation, which is a small magazine and has difficulty covering even those things which it considers most important.

I hope you understand my point, which I thought was inherent in my suggestion that you write a post-Conference piece. I realize that it is an imposition to suggest that you revise the article, and perhaps you will not want to put so much more time into it. However, if you wish to do so, let me know so that we can look forward to it.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Rovere

Richard H. Rovere
Assistant Editor

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

211-44-115

18-44-81

29 May 1941

My dear Mr. Rovere:

Enclosed is a third effort.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Richard H. Rovere
The Nation
55 Fifth Avenue
New York City

THE *Nation*

• FIFTY-FIVE FIFTH AVENUE • NEW YORK CITY •

June 17, 1941

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

7-11-44-81

We have gone over this manuscript again with the utmost care and consideration. We find that while it has all the virtues of the earlier versions it still contains what, from The Nation point of view, are serious drawbacks. This does not imply, of course, any lack of merit in the article as such, but rather the absence of a method of attack which we have been forced to require in all articles. As Mr. Rovere has written you, it is simply impossible for us to indulge in the presentation of large amounts of background material. While this manuscript is closer to the present than the other versions, it is still, we feel, geared too much to facts and ideas which, while ably presented here, have been expressed in The Nation from time to time. It works its way up to the Atlanta Conference and then, it would seem, leaves it in mid-air.

I need hardly say that it is with very deep regret that we are forced to return the article. We all know and appreciate your work and your writing. Editorial requirements these days often seem unreasonable, but with so much going on in the world and so little time and space in which to write, distinctions, which may seem wholly arbitrary, must be made.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Hutchison

Keith Hutchison
Associate Editor

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Box 356
Atlanta, Georgia

17-26-18

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May 26th
1941

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed copy of correspondence I have recently had with Dr. John W. Studebaker of the United States Office of Education.

Ever sincerely,

Walter White

Secretary.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta,
Georgia.

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[Enclosure]

17-26-19

May 10th
1941

Dr. John W. Studebaker
U. S. Commissioner of Education
U. S. Office of Education
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Studebaker:

We have read with very keen interest newspaper accounts of your interview at Town Hall Thursday in which you told of the examination of textbooks used in American schools being made by the United States Office of Education as a preliminary to purging them of inaccuracies and prejudices concerning Latin America and correcting inadequacies with respect to the other American Republics.

We take this means of urging vigorously that there be included in this survey an examination of inaccuracies and omissions in these same textbooks of the facts with respect to the American Negro. This has direct relevancy to the purging of false statements regarding Latin America. Unhappily, the United States even yet does not take into account that the people of many of the South American countries, and especially the Caribbean Islands, upon which the United States must rely for aid in protection of the Panama Canal, are of Negroid blood. Others of these countries would not be classified as "white" according to the racial ideas of the people of the United States. While we freely admit that many of them do not identify themselves with the American Negro, some of the more informed people of the various Latin America countries perceive the similarity of treatment of people of Latin America countries and the American Negro when either disparagement or condescension colors the textbook treatment of both groups.

There is the additional factor of decent racial relations in the United States. Particularly in the treatment of the Civil War and of the so-called Reconstruction Period, nearly every textbook used in the

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United States has adopted the point of view of the late Confederacy. Little is said about the contributions which the Negro has made to the arts, sciences, and other phases of the development of the American government. At best, he is ignored in most of these textbooks.

The N.A.A.C.P. has recently made a study of some of the textbooks used in New York City. This inquiry was made not on a basis of racial sensitiveness or pride but on the highest plane of historical accuracy and objectivity. The results of this study will be made available to the Office of Education if it is desired. I enclose a preliminary pamphlet we published recently dealing with this subject.

Also, if it is desired that we do so we shall be happy to make certain recommendations as to procedure. The simplest of these would be for the United States Office of Education to enlist the assistance of such distinguished scholars as Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, whose BLACK RECONSTRUCTION, published in 1935 by Harcourt, Brace and Company, is the most informed refutation of some of the false notions about the Negro and the Reconstruction Period which has yet been written. Another recent book which is carefully documented but which, unfortunately, has not received the attention it should and which would be helpful as background material is Henrietta Buckmaster's LET MY PEOPLE GO, published in 1941 by Harper and Brothers.

We would be much interested in knowing your reaction to these suggestions.

Ever sincerely,

Secretary.

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[Enclosure]

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION
Washington

May 23, 1941

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Mr. Walter White
Executive Secretary, N.A.A.C.P.
69 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. White:

I have read with interest your letter of May 10, and am not unmindful of the importance of doing something about the problem which you discussed. However, it appears that I was misquoted. Obviously, the Office of Education has no authority to "purge" textbooks of inaccuracies and prejudices. What we plan is an analysis of books and other publications for the purpose of determining the adequacy and availability of materials that will be helpful in improving relations between our country and the other American republics.

We recognize the necessity of doing something through the schools to improve race relations in our own country, and are continually attacking the problem whenever and wherever time and means permit. Three special projects along this line are under way at present. The first is a series of dramatized radio broadcasts on the participation of Negroes in American life, sponsored by the Office of Education, and to be followed by the dissemination of information on Negroes to schools and colleges, both white and colored, throughout the country. We will get advice on this project from a committee of distinguished leaders, among them being Mr. Wilkins of your staff, Mr. Carter of Opportunity, Dr. DuBois, Dr. Locke, and Dr. Woodson. The second project is an investigation of the courses and units of study on and about Negroes in schools and colleges in order to ascertain the number of institutions offering such courses and units and the nature of the work offered. The third project is a leaflet on the contributions of Negroes to American culture to be included in the packet of materials for elementary schools being distributed by our newly created Information Exchange. A committee of teachers from the District of Columbia is assisting in this. Moreover, the series of pamphlets on education and the national defense, planned by the Office of Education and now in process of publication, will include in appropriate sections discussions of the contributions of Negroes to American culture.

There is another project which should be mentioned in this connection. One volume of the Survey of Higher Education of Negroes, which this Office is conducting, has to do with social and economic factors as they relate to the education of Negroes. Several sections of this volume treat race relations from an anthropological point of view, and will probably have an influence in preparing the public for the more specific attack on the textbook situation by non-governmental agencies.

You can see from the above statements of projects that we are

trying to do something toward the solution of the major problem with which you are concerned. The pamphlet you sent will be very suggestive in this connection and if we find that the study mentioned in your letter will be helpful, I shall write you. I appreciate your offer, and am sure that you and other members of your staff will be called upon for assistance from time to time as these projects develop.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) J. W. Studebaker
Commissioner.

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[NAACP - Kansas City]

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February 20, 1941 Lectures pending

18-23-55

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

May I congratulate you upon your latest book Dusk of Dawn and say it should be of great inspiration to young people who are striving to develop their talents.

Personally, it is an inspiration to me and I regret your leaving the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and feel it was the Association's loss.

We are having a program to secure funds for the Association here Sunday, April 6. We are using your book as the feature of the program having it reviewed. We hope to present those parts of the book which refer to the Association in graphic form.

Should you be on a lecture tour and in this section, I should like the privilege of asking our Branch to have you here at that time.

In connection with this program, we should like a complete history of the origin and development of the Association. Could you tell us where we may find such records.

Again thanking you for the book and for the contribution your life has made to the cause of the Race, I remain

Sincerely

R. E. Arnold

(Miss) R. E. Arnold

[NAACP Kansas City]

13-23-56

24 February 1941

My dear Miss Arnold:

I have no plans for being in Missouri until possibly late in April when I may be in St. Louis. If I have such an engagement I shall let you know.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss R. E. Arnold
Lincoln High School and Junior College
Kansas City, Missouri

[NAACP- St Louis]

31 January 1941

18-23-35

My dear Sir:

Answering your letter of January 14, I beg to say that I could speak for you in April. My charge would be seventy-five dollars out of which I would pay my own expenses.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. S. R. Redmond
11 North Jefferson
St. Louis, Missouri

[NAACP-St. Louis]

1 April 1941

My dear Sir:

I have one date that I can offer St. Louis this spring and that is Tuesday, April twenty-ninth. The fee, as I said, would be seventy-five dollars and I should be glad to know at your earliest convenience if you wish me to come.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. S. R. Redmond
11 North Jefferson
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April 3, 1941

Lectures

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

The Executive Committee of the St. Louis Branch met last night and decided not to undertake any new ventures this month because of the slowness of the drive.

I trust that we will be able to have you come and speak for us at some time in the future.

Thanking you for the consideration shown, I am

Respectfully yours,

S R Redmond

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18-44-49

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Thank you for your prompt reply to our telegram of January 28 regarding your availability as speaker on the Negro History Week program February 16, sponsored by the Pathfinders Club.

Although the honorarium you requested was very reasonable, the organization is not able to engage a speaker at that cost. The group is interested in having you speak before them at a later date. It may be that they can engage you later in the spring--at least some of us are working toward that end.

Sincerely yours,

Simeon B. Osby, Jr.

Simeon B. Osby, Jr.

SBO:ls

12 February 1941

18-44-50

My dear Sir:

I may be speaking in Detroit, April twenty-seventh. If so, on my way back to Atlanta, I could stop and speak in Springfield, Monday, April twenty-eighth. In that case my charge would be fifty dollars. I should be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Simeon B. Osby, Jr.
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19-44-81

March 1, 1941

Lectures pending

Dr. W.E.B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Dubois:

The Springfield Branch of the N.A.A.C.P and the Pathfinders, a local civic organization, have agreed to present you in a lecture on April 28, for an honorarium of fifty dollars ($50.00) as per your letter of February 12, to me. I believe we already have enough facts about you for publicity purposes. We should like to have a good newspaper mat picture or a glossy print photo of you, however.

Will you submit to the organizations a list of subjects from which they may choose one for your address?

We shall be writing you further as the occasions arise.

Sincerely yours,
Simeon B. Osby, Jr.
Simeon B. Osby, Jr.
Secretary

SBO:KA

5 March 1941

18-44-52

My dear Mr. Osby:

My ability to speak for you Monday, April twenty-eight, depends upon connections between Springfield and Cleveland. I cannot figure them out from here. I speak in Cleveland, Sunday afternoon and I would prefer not to travel at night. I could leave Cleveland at 7:37 Monday morning and arrive in Indianapolis at noon. Could I make connections from Indianapolis so as to get to Springfield in time for the lecture? I shall be glad to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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March 7, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have checked the traveling time from Cleveland to Springfield. The route via Indianapolis requires transferring at Indianapolis and again at Decatur, Illinois. The best time by that route would put you in Springfield at 9:30 p.m. By coming through Chicago you could leave Cleveland via New York Central at 7:55 a.m. arriving in Chicago at 1:45 p.m. Leaving Chicago at 5:00 p.m. via Alton or Illinois Central you would arrive in Springfield at 7:50 or 7:55 p.m., respectively. Since our program would not begin until 8:15 you would arrive in time for your address. The fare is the same by either the Indianapolis or the Chicago route.

If you believe the Springfield engagement on April 28th would entail too much physical exertion we shall be glad to postpone the date to the 29th.

Sincerely yours,

Simeon B. Osby, Jr.

SBO:KA

Simeon B. Osby, Jr.

13 March 1941

18-44-54

My dear Mr. Osby:

I shall be glad to speak in Springfield, Monday, April twenty-eighth. The remuneration to be fifty dollars and board and lodging for one day. I shall come from Cleveland by way of Chicago arriving about 7:50 p. m. Monday, April 28, according to your letter.

I am enclosing a list of my lectures and would be glad to have you choose one of them. You will understand that I do not wish to discuss the NAACP or its policy. I am no longer an official of the organization and do not think that criticism favorable or otherwise would be in order. I prefer to have my lecture the same kind of general talk which I am giving elsewhere.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Simeon B. Osby, Jr.
210½ South Fifth Street
Springfield, Illinois

1 April 1941

18-44-55

My dear Sir:

Will you kindly let me know what subject you have chosen for April twenty-eight? I enclose a list of subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Simeon B. Osby, Jr.
210½ South Fifth Street
Springfield, Illinois

Springfield, Illinois Branch N. A. A. C. P.

MEMORANDUM

From S.B. Osby, Jr. **To** Dr. DuBois

Date April 8, 1941

Peters

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Dear Dr. DuBois:

We have selected the subject, "The Present War and The Darker Races".

Will you please send us a glossy print photo of yourself for publicity purposes. Too, we should like to have some Personal facts regarding yourself to augment those on hand.

16 April 1941

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My dear Sir:

Under separate cover we are sending you a photograph. You will find the main facts of my life in the latest edition of WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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18-44-50

April
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1941

Lectures

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I presume you have received our memorandum stating that we have selected the subject, "The Present War and the Darker Races" for your lecture here April 28.

We should like to have you send us two glossy print photographs or two 1-inch newspaper mats of yourself. We should like to have also some additional publicity data.

Sent

We have made this request previously in our memorandum of April 8, but as yet have received no reply from you. Please forward them as soon as you can, as the time before your Springfield appearance is getting short.

Sincerely yours,

Simeon B. Osby, Jr.

Simeon B. Osby, Jr.

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Head of Sociology Dept., Atlanta University,

Atlanta, Georgia

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Vocal Solo ..... Toussaint Anderson

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5 May 1941

My dear Mr. Osby:

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed the reception and audience in Springfield. I appreciate your hard work and thoughtful arrangement. Please give my best regards to Miss Davis and the other members of the committee. Also tell the host where I stopped how much I appreciated their hospitality. I am writing to Mr. Helm in your care.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

(Dew)

Mr. Simeon B. Osby, Jr.
210½ South Fifth Street
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Family Planning and Negro Health

By MABEL K. STAUPERS, R. N.

Advisory Council, Birth Control Federation

At the Biennial meeting of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses in Los Angeles, California, one of the important papers to be presented will be "The Role of the Professional Nurse in a Birth Control Program". Mrs. Kathryn Trent, Field Director of the Birth Control Federation of America, is to be the speaker, and among those discussing her paper and contributing to the session will be Mrs. Minnie Howard, R. N., of Birmingham, Alabama, Miss Mildred M. Delp, R. N., who has been carrying on an unusually interesting and significant nursing service in California, also Mrs. Gertrude Reynolds, Executive Secretary of the Birth Control Federation. A visit to nearby birth conrol clinics for those nurses who are interested in this phase of Maternal Health has been planned.

Mrs. Trent will bring us the latest information available regarding the progress of a special Negro health demonstration undertaken by the Federation a little over a year ago.

In November of 1939, an interested friend of the birth control movement and of the Negro race, responded to an appeal from the Federation with a special grant of $10,000 a year for two years. This grant was to be used to develop and put into operation a coordinated program, the principal objective of which was to demonstrate how medically supervised birth control (as an integral part of existing public health services) can improve the general welfare of the Negro people, and in particular reduce the excessive Negro infant and maternal mortality.

Two major demonstration areas have been established by the Federation, one in urban Nashville, Tennessee, and the other in rural Berkeley County, South Carolina.

Supplementing these local demonstration projects, the Federation has also begun a national educational program with the cooperation of its National Negro Advisory Council.

Progress reports from time to time will be utilized in acquainting public health officials throughout the country with the possibilities of similar programs in their own communities.

The Nashville Project

Nashville offers splendid opportunity for an urban project. The City Health Department has included birth control in its work for several years. Meharry Medical College, where over fifty per cent of the Negro doctors in the United States graduate, as well as Fisk University, have promised complete cooperation with the project.

The program is under the direction of Dr. John Overton, City Health Officer, and Mrs. Ivah W. Uffelman, Director of the Nashville Public Health Nursing Council, cooperating with a local advisory council.

Two new birth control clinics, under the direction of Negro doctors and nurses, have been opened — one at Bethlehem Church Center and one at Fisk University Settlement House. A public health nurse has been added to the health department staff and a program of home service has been initiated as a part of the department's Public Health Nursing Service.

It is interesting to note that of the first 50 patients who came to the clinic sessions, each, upon examination, was found to have a serious health condition. In thus revealing the need for medical attention, the birth control clinic sessions are already proving a valuable aid to the entire city health program.

Berkeley County, South Carolina

It is especially fitting that the rural demonstration should be conducted in South Carolina, the second state to offer birth control as a part of its public health program. (North Carolina was the first to pioneer in doing so in 1937, and Alabama became the third state to adopt a similar program in 1940.) Berkeley County has a population of 27,000 of which 70 per cent is Negro. Dr. William K. Fishburne, County Health Officer directing the project, estimates that there are 1400 Negro mothers in the county requiring contraceptive service for health reasons.

Two registered nurses have been added to the staff and eleven clinic sessions are held each month at central places in the county, accessible to the rural mothers, many of whom are receiving medical attention and care for the first time.

Educational Program

Simultaneously with the development of these two special demon-

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Headquarters Notes

Have you received your National Nursing Survey Questionnaire? If so, fill it in and send it back by return mail to the Special Agent of the U. S. Public Health Service in your state. If you have not received your questionnaire, write to the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses at 1790 Broadway and an inquiry will be made with your State Agent. We are depending on the result of this survey in order to know the present number of Negro nurses in the United States by states. A request for this information has been made by the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses to the U. S. Public Health Service through the American Nurses Association.

We are happy to congratulate Miss Mary Sales of Indianapolis who has been awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science from Butler University. Miss Sales is a former National officer of this Association; also Miss Gertrude E. Barnes of New York City. Miss Barnes is a graduate of Lincoln School for Nurses. She was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science from Columbia University.

Have you read the interesting article by Bessie Cobbs in the May issue of the American Journal of Nursing? Miss Cobbs is a member of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses.

Recently in Buffalo, a young Negro student nurse, the first to be admitted to the Buffalo City Hospital (Meyer Memorial) was graduated with the distinction of acquiring 170 quality points during the three year course. Miss Bateman led her class of 58 students.

For sometime, your headquarters has been concerned with the inability of nurses who receive their training in the Virgin Islands, to register in the United States. This matter was brought to the attention of the Virgin Islands Council. The Council, through Mr. Ashley Totten, presented the matter to the Government of the Virgin Islands. In a recent letter from Acting Governor Robert Lovett, we have been assured that steps will immediately be taken to remedy the situation.

Nurses who apply for membership are continually sending incomplete addresses on their blanks. Please urge all nurses whom you contact for membership, to state what city and state they live in, as many cities have similarly named streets.

A Negro nurse has been added for the first time to the staff of the Visiting Nurses Association of Trenton, New Jersey and the Bergen County Tuberculosis Association.

Miss Minnie Goodnow and Mrs. Helen Hansen, who are revising their books on Nursing, have sent in for information about the Negro nurse, which they plan to include.

The address of the Housing Chairman for the California meeting is: Mrs. Grace E. Edwards, 252 East 45th Street, Los Angeles. Write directly to Miss Edwards for housing reservations. The meetings will be held in the Thomas Jefferson High School. The Institute Sessions will be on Wednesday and Thursday, August 20 and 21, and will include the following discussions; "Child Welfare Service as a Resource for Public Health Nurses," "Education for Institutional Service," "National Defense," "Nursing Goals in National Health," and "Family Planning and Negro Health." There will be a panel discussion on "Personnel Relationships" and on "Problems of Staff Nurses," which will include "Health Insurance, Civil Service and Old Age Security."

Have you enrolled in the American Red Cross? Contact your local chapter for enrollment requirements. At the present time, the procurement allotment for Negro nurses is 56 for the Fourth Corp Area. Nurses are now receiving travle orders and are reporting to Camp Bragg, North Carolina and Camp Livingston, Louisiana. Nurses who have notified this office of their call to service are: Miss Ruth H. Briggs, Mrs. Emmie W. Perkins and Miss Louise M. Jacobs of New York City, also Miss Josephine Cherry of Pittsburgh, Pa.

At the meeting of Nursing Executives in Schools of Nursing and Nursing Services at Fling-Goodridge Hospital, New Orleans; a Council was organized with Mrs. Estelle M. Riddle as Chairman and Mrs. Eola L. Taylor as Secretary.

Mrs. Estelle M. Riddle addressed the students at Dillard University on a recent trip to New Orleans.

All organization chairmen will receive through the mails, a kit of several pamphlets entitled, "Programs on National Defense." These pamphlets are being sent to you through the courtesy of General Mills at the request of Headquarters. The material is excellent and will guide you in programs on defense and in laying foundations for times of peace. We are truly grateful to Miss Sally Woodward for this favor.

In sending money to Headquarters, please make all money orders payable to the National Association

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Of Interest To You

The National Tuberculosis Association announces an Institute for the Training of Negro Tuberculosis and Health Workers to be held under the auspices of the North Carolina College for Negroes, Durham from June 9 to 14, 1941.

Objects of the Institute

The Institute is planned primarily to reach the Negro leaders who are interested in tuberculosis or public health work, whether as physicians, nurses, social workers, administrators, or as volunteers. All sessions will be held at the College.

Fees and Expenses

A registration fee of five dollars ($5) is the only charge for the Institute. This fee is payable on or before the opening day, June 9, 1941. Room and board at the college for 6 days will cost $5.

Admission of Students

Prospective students may secure applications from their state tuberculosis associations or from the National Tuberculosis Association, 1790 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

All applications should be sent to Dr. St. C. Guild, 1790 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Applications must be filed not later than May 15, 1941.

Nurses who have recently completed a six months' course in Midwifery at the Lobenstine Clinic of the Maternity Center Association, New York are: Misses Edna Moore, Etta Mae Forte, and Claudia Henderson of Macon County, Alabama; also Miss L. Mills, North Carolina. Miss Mills is the first Negro nurse to receive this scholarship from North Carolina. These young women were all scholarship students from the State Health Departments.

Before they left New York, they were entertained at a dinner given by the Lobenstine Staff at which time they were presented to members of the board of the Maternity Center Association.

The American Youth Commission announces the publication of "Youth, Family, and Education", by Joseph K. Folson. This publication is an important new study of education and family living. Another new publication of the Youth Commission soon to be issued is "Time On Their Hands", a study of leisure, recreation, and young people by C. Gilbert Wrenn and D. A. Harley.

In the sphere of 'social defense' these books define some major areas where action is needed. A publication of the Youth Commission which deals especially with the problems of Negro Youth can also be obtained from the American Youth Commission, 744 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C. This report by Robert A. Sutherland will soon be published.

The New York State League of Nursing Education is sponsoring refresher courses for graduate nurses who have been inactive in nursing for some time but who are willing to return to their profession during the present emergency.

These courses are planned in accredited schools of nursing. Care is being taken to provide courses on a level acceptable for graduate education. The participating schools must provide a course of at least 400 hours including special classes and demonstrations that are especially planned for the graduate group. These are under the direction of a member of the teaching staff in the school of nursing. The recommended division of clinical service is general medical nursing, 2 to 4 weeks; general surgical nursing, 2 to 4 weeks; and a special selected service depending upon the additional time that the applicant is able to give.

Applicants must be registered in New York State or eligible for such registration. They must be in good physical health and able to maintain themselves during the refresher period. In addition, they must provide references satisfactory to the school to which they apply and meet other requirements of the individual school. Each applicant must understand that this is in preparation for emergency needs and that no promise of employment can be made.

Because the need for graduate nurses is very great we believe that there will be a demand for their services and anticipate a good response from the retired nurses.

For further information apply to Mary Burr, 333 Southern Boulevard, New York City.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad has announced recently that Pullman service is now available to Negroes who desire to use this railroad.

The National Urban League has for months waged an intensive campaign to secure a place for Negro workers in the National Defense Program. This campaign is already showing tangible results in many cities where Negro skilled workers have secured Defense jobs.

Through the years, Negro nurses have benefited from the cooperation and active support of the National Urban League and its branches. Recently in Minnesota, the St. Paul Urban League was successful in getting the Aucker Memorial Hospital to employ Mrs. Margaret T. Lazenberry, a Negro nurse who was assigned to the Obstetrical Service.

This organization now needs money to carry on. Send your contribution, however small, to the League at 1133 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

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of Colored Graduate Nurses. Do not send cash. Recently cash was sent by a nurse in a letter, which never arrived at Headquarters.

News for the July issue of the Bulletin must be in the office by June 15. Please send your news in typed, double spaced and not in letter form. One of the reasons this issue of the Bulletin was not released on time is lateness of news and the fact that most of it is not typed, and has to be transcribed from letters.

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FLORIDA

On February 23, Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses visited Jacksonville and held a meeting with the Local Nurses Association at Brewster Hospital.

Mrs. Staupers discussed "The Role of the Negro Nurse in the National Defense Program" and told the nurses of the plans for the first Biennial meeting of the Association in Los Angeles, California, August 17 to 22.

Mrs. Staupers was the house guest of Mrs. G. G. Littlejohn.

On February 28, Brewster Hospital Alumni Association held its annual election of officers. Mrs. Matilda B. Walker, President, Mrs. M. Nelson, Vice President, Miss L. Lauresay, Secretary, Mrs. S. D. Thompson, Treasurer, Mrs. E. Jeffery, Assistant Secretary. The Committee Chairmen appointed were Mrs. Irene Childs, Ways and Means Miss Lula Williams, Entertainment, Mrs. Margaretta G. Ivey, Program, Mrs. Marion Morse, Sick Committee, Mrs. Leila Walker, Membership By-Laws Committee, Mrs. Mary Haywood and Ethel L. Harris, Miss Rachel Henry, Reporter.

These officers were installed in the home of Mrs. Marion Morse Friday evening, March 14. The guest speaker was Rev. E. Hurley of the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church. A delicious collation was served by the hostess.

Miss H. L. Thompson has been appointed as Ward Instructor at Brewster Hospital. Miss Thompson is a graduate of Brewster and is the first Negro Nurse to be appointed to this position.

TEXAS

The Annual Meeting of the Texas State Association of Colored Graduate Nurses will be held in San Antonio, June 8 to 10 inclusive. Mrs. Carolyn Lipscomb is President of the Association.

KENTUCKY

Officers elected recently at the annual meeting of the Adah B. Thoms State Nurses Association of Kentucky are Mrs. Carl A. Provette, president; Miss M. E. Merritt, secretary; Miss Thiessie Offut, assistant secretary; and Mrs. James Smith, treasurer.

Miss Bertha Thomas who served as president of the Alpha Society of Louisville so graciously for nine years has resigned. Mrs. Irma G. Dorsey was elected president and Miss Hattie B. Lyons, secretary.

The five colored nurses now employed on the staff of the Louisville City Hospital are Miss Willa Greer, Harlem Hospital, New York, Mrs. Talitha Grimes Johnson, Mrs. Sylvia Washington McGill and Mrs. Florence Coleman Wilson, graduates of Red Cross Hospital, Louisville.

The Alumnae Association of Red Cross Hospital gave a successful benefit for the hospital. They have also raised money for the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses.

Officers of the Association are Mrs. Kitty Gifford, president, Mrs. Carolon Beatty, secretary.

OHIO

Miss Mamie Hull, R. N. has recently been employed on the Staff of the Catherine Booth Maternity Hospital and Home in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Gladys Callander, president of the Cincinnati Local Association was one of the speakers at a Vocational Guidance Conference sponsored by the University of Cincinnati under the leadership of Dean Katherine Ingles in February. Mrs. Callander's subject was "Opportunities for Negro Nurses". Mrs. Callander is on the Staff of the Cincinnati Health Department.

MISSOURI

The Annual Meeting of the Missouri State Association of Colored Graduate Nurses will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, May 23 and May 24. Miss Eula Chrismon of St. Louis is the President.

A large delegation of St. Louis nurses are planning to attend this meeting. A student section has been planned. The nurses will be the guests of the Kansas City Local.

The Alumnae Association of General Hospital No. 2, Kansas City has planned a Home Coming for May 22. All graduates of the School are urged to be present. The new nurses' home is completed and those who attend will take part in the celebration.

The Commencement Exercises of the Homer G. Phillips Hospital will be held at the Stowe Teachers College on Wednesday, June 4. Mr. T. Arnold Hill, Assistant Director of the Division of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration will address this year's class of fourteen students.

At the Capping Exercises of the students of the Homer G. Phillips Hospital on February 20th, Mrs. Estelle M. Riddle, Director of Nurses delivered the address and placed the Caps on the new students. The class was presented to Mrs. Riddle by Miss Hallie D. Wynn, Educational Director of the School.

At a recent meeting of the Mound City Medical Forum, a panel discussion on "Nursing Education and the Medical Profession," was presented to the members. Those persons who participated in the panel were: Dr. A. N. Vaughn, President, National Medical Association; Dr. A. K. Blackston, Professor of Education, Stowe Teachers College; Mrs. Estelle M. Riddle, Director of Nursing, Homer G. Phillips Hospital and Miss Baylor Thompson of the Missouri State Board of Nurse Examiners.

Fourteen nurses on the staff of Homer G. Phillips Hospital have been granted study leaves for the summer of 1941.

On May 19, 20 and 21 at Homer G. Phillips Hospital, St. Louis, the National Tuberculosis Association in cooperation with the St. Louis

Tuberculosis Association and the Nursing Department of the hospital will sponsor the first Tuberculosis Institute for Negro nurses. Dr. St. C. Guild, Secretary of the Negro Committee of the National Tuberculosis Association was responsible for initiating this program. Miss Fannie Eschelman, Director of Nursing, Henry Phipps Institute, Philadelphia; Miss Louise Algee, Field Worker assigned to the Negro Committee of the National Tuberculosis Association and Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers, Executive Secretary, National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses will participate, along with representatives from the Municipal Visiting Nurses Staff of St. Louis, the Local Chapter of the American Red Cross and others. Mrs. Estelle M. Riddle is Chairman of the Program Committee.

The faculty of the School of Nursing of the Homer G. Phillips Hospital announces a six-week post graduate course for graduates from accredited Schools of Nursing. The course will be given on June 16 and will be completed on August 2. Meals and uniform laundry will be furnished.

Rooms can be secured near the hospital for $2.50 to $3.00 per week. This cost must be met by the student. For further information write to Mrs. Estelle M. Riddle, Director of the School, 2516 Goode Avenue, St. Louis.

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TENNESSEE

On Sunday, March 23, 10 nurses from Memphis, 2 from Chattanooga, and 8 from Nashville met at Hubbard Hospital to formulate plans for a State Meeting to be held in Nashville June 16 and 17. Miss Hulda M. Lyttle is Acting President of the Association.

NORTH CAROLINA

The schedule of activities during Commencement Week at L. Richardson Memorial Hospital, Greensboro are as follows: May 16, Junior-Senior Prom; May 17, Class Day Exercises; May 18, Graduates Annual Dinner; May 20, Alumnae Luncheon and Meeting with Commencement Exercises at 8 P. M.

Graduates of the L. Richarson Memorial Hospital are especially urged to attend the Alumnae Meeting and Home Coming.

On March 6, Capping Exercises at the Lincoln Hospital School of Nursing, Durham, were held in the Nurses Residence. The address was delivered by Dr. R. A. Young, Professor of Zoology, North Carolina College for Negroes.

The meeting of the North Carolina State Nurses Association will be held in Raleigh, June 11 and 12. Mrs. Mary E. Stratford is Chairman of the Program Committee.

Miss Edna I. Purdie, Educational Director, Kate Biting Reynolds Hospital, Winston-Salem is the first Negro nurse to be appointed as a teacher of American Red Cross classes in Winston-Salem. The classes are held at the Young Women's Christian Association.

The District Nurses Association met recently in High Point, N. C. The theme for this meeting was Social Hygiene. The principal address "Relating the Doctor's Duties in the Venereal Disease Program" was given by Dr. Albert H. Coleman who is now connected with the Venereal Disease Clinic for Negroes, of Winston-Salem, N. C. Dr. Coleman completed the Venereal Disease course at Howard University, Washington, D. C. just before coming to take this position. Miss Geneva Collins, president, read one of the news letters from the Regional President. The members who attended enjoyed and benefited by this meeting.

Mrs. Mildred Thomas, R. N., has been appointed Supervisor of the Medical Women's and Pediatrics Wards at Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Winston-Salem.

Miss Esther Lash was selected by the Nursing Staff as chairman of the Staff Educational program for this term at Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Carrie Mock, R. N., having completed the Public Health Course at the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va., has been appointed to the Staff of the Public Health Department at Greensboro, N. C.

The Twin City Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Society and the Negro Chamber of Commerce sponsored a One Day Clinic on March 19, 1941. Dr. John H. Hale, head of the Department of Surgery at Meharry Medical College, performed four major operations. A large number of doctors and nurses from North and South Carolina and Virginia were present to observe, among whom were Miss Della Rainey, R. N., supervisor of the Operating Room at Lincoln Hospital, Durham, N. C., formerly with Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Hale was the principal speaker at a banquet held in his honor on the evening of March 19. Among the speakers representing groups present was Miss Edna Ila Purdie, R. N., B. S., who spoke in behalf of the nurses.

The students of the School of Nursing of Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital sponsored a program on National Social Hygiene Day, February 5.

Winston-Salem observed National Negro Health Week with many activities. On Sunday, March 29, a representative was sent to each church by the doctors and nurses to talk on Health. Four radio addresses were given during the week over Station WAIR. Dr. Albert H. Coleman spoke on "Venereal Diseases"; Dr. J. B. Ewers on "The Care of the Teeth"; Mrs. Mattie B. Conley, R. N., Supervisor of Obstetrics at Kate Biting Reynolds Hospital, spoke on "The Care of Mothers and Babies"; and Miss Eleanor Maxwell, who is in charge of the X-ray and Laboratory department of the Hospital spoke on "The Laboratory in Health and Disease".

The Edith Cavell Nurses Association held a meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Eddice Blackshear Martin.

The new addition to the Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital has been completed and is now

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being occupied. The total bed capacity of the hospital is 220 beds. At present, the daily average is over one hundred patients.

Mrs. Mattie B. Conley, R. N., attended the clinic at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

The Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital School of Nursing honor roll for the first semester of the school year 1940-1941 was announced by Miss Edna Ila Purdie, Instructor of Nurses.

The following students made the honor roll: Senior Class: Miss Katherine Mitchell, from Rural Hall, N. C.; Miss Vera Queen Johnson, Thomasville, N. C.; Junior Class: Miss Pernell Alice Binford, Irwin, Va.; Miss Addie Thelma Gallman, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Miss Lucy Hannah White, Roanoke, Va.; Miss Reefa Mae Wilkins, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Freshman Class: Miss Georgia Anna Anthony, Walnut Cove, N. C.; Miss Noami Constance Hill, Newark, N. J.; Miss Flossie Livan Ragins, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The above students made at least "B" in the following courses: Practical Bedside Nursing Care; General Conduct and Behavior in the hospital and Nurses' Residence, and theoretical classroom work in each of the courses completed for the term.

The School of Nursing of the Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital is rated as an "A" School of Nursing by the Standardization board for schools of Nursing in the State of North Carolina.

We are grateful and indeed appreciate the interest and untiring efforts of those who made it possible for us to have in Winston-Salem, N. C., a School of Nursing connected with the third largest Negro Hospital in the United States.

The opportunities for our girls are unlimited in the field of Nursing, with such educational advantages to prepare them for outstanding positions. If our young women complete their basic nursing course in a good school of Nursing, they will have a nursing background upon which to build their future education. The educational status of the nurse is being raised. One of the vital concerns of the Negro Nurse is that she can no longer maintain a lower Educational standard than is required of the very best Nurses of other races, and professional groups and then hold the respect of the Community, or Nation. If the nurse is to take her place and function as a teacher, leader, community-worker, she must meet the qualifications for higher education by additional preparation. Society needs her.

The Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital School of Nursing has made exceptional progress. We hope to continue to improve our School of Nursing.

The senior students of St. Agnes Hospital are now affiliating with the Maternity Clinic and the Well Baby Clinic at Rex Hospital, Raleigh. They have also made several observation trips to the Wake County Tuberculosis Sanitarium, the School for Deaf, Dumb and Blind Negro patients, Wake County Department of Health, also the Psychiatric Hospital for Negroes at Goldsboro, N. C., the Central Prison, and the Raleigh Housing Project. These trips are made in connection with the Course on Public Health Nursing.

ALABAMA

On April 4th and 5th, 115 nurses from ten states attended the Fifth Annual Institute at Tuskegee, sponsored by the Nurses Board of Examination and Registration of Alabama in cooperation with the Alabama State Health Department.

"Mental Hygiene and Psychiatric Nursing" was the theme of the meeting. Miss Linna Denny, Executive Secretary, Alabama State Board of Examination and Registration presided at the Friday morning session, which was opened with the Invocation by Rev. H. V. Richardson, Chaplain, Tuskegee Institute. The National Anthem was led by the student nurses. The Welcome Address was given by Miss Pharfeania Jones, Staff Nurse, John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital. Miss Lucy Tankersly, R. N., of Birmingham made the response.

Dr. Murray Smith, Health Officer for Macon County welcomed the group in behalf of the Alabama State Board of Health. "What is Mental Hygiene and Psychiatry", by Dr. A. M. Gaulocher, Associate Director, Division of Mental Hygiene, State Department of Health; "Problems of Child Behavior", Miss Helen Dixon, Superintendent Pre-School Clinic, Slossfield Community Center, Birmingham; "Nursing Care of the Mentally Ill", Mrs. Agnes Steele, R. N., Superintendent of Nurses, Bryce State Hospital, Tuscaloosa; "The Value of Mental Hygiene in Nursing", Miss Elizabeth T. McDowell, R. N., Director, Community Nursing Bureau, Birmingham, were the subjects discussed at this interesting session.

The staff nurses of the Veterans Administration Facility entertained the group at luncheon immediately following the morning session. The afternoon session was also held at the Veterans Facility. Dr. Eugene H. Dibble, Jr., Manager of the Facility and Miss Olivet Mason, Chief Nurse welcomed the visitors. The subjects discussed were, "The Organization of the Modern Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital", Dr. S. O. Johnson, Chief, Infirmary Service; "Nursing Care of the Infirmary Type of Neuro-Psychiatric Patient", Frances V. Williams; "The Role of the Nurse in the Treatment of the Acutely Disturbed Patient", Altha P. Gordon; "Group Therapy in the Rehabilitation of Psychiatric Patients", Nonnie G. Lawton; "The Role of the Nurse in the Treatment of Neuro-Syphilis Including Quartan Malaria", Blanche K. Jackson.

At the Friday evening session which was held in the Institute Chapel, Dr. F. D. Patterson, President of Tuskegee Institute brought greetings to the group. "The Development of Mental Hygiene Resources for Negroes", was discussed by Dr. M. F. Davis, Chief, Reconstruction Service, Veterans Facility. Dr. A. M. Gaulocher who made the principal address was intro-

duced to the audience of about fourteen hundred nurses, Institute students and faculty members by Dr. B. F. Austin, State Director, Bureau of Hygiene and Nursing.

On Saturday morning, the group met in the John A. Andrew Hospital Auditorium with Mrs. Ross E. Roberts, R. N., President, Alabama State Board of Nurse Examiners, presiding. Dr. Charles Prudhomme of the Veterans Facility Staff presented a most interesting paper on "Mental Adjustment of Patients in a General Hospital", while Dr. G. C. Branche, Assistant Clinical Director, Veterans Facility discussed, "Opportunities for Colored Nurses in the Psychiatric Field". Following these discussions, Dr. John A. Kenny, Medical Director of the John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital, in a closing word to the Institute said, "You have the most wonderful vocation. I hope that you have not gone into it just for a living. If you have, you will fail. Let your ideals and objectives be 'service'. If you do that, the living will take care of itself." A large bouquet of crimson son roses were presented to Miss Linna Denny by Mrs. Rose Tyler Thomas, R. N., of Montgomery, in behalf of the nurses attending the institute.

Miss Luella Boswell of Wilberforce, Ohio was recently appointed Head Nurse at the Infantile Paralysis Unit of Tuskegee Institute. Previous to this appointment Miss Boswell was employed at the Slossfield Health Center, Birmingham.

OKLAHOMA

The Third Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Association of Colored Registered Nurses was held on March 1 to 2 at the Young Women's Christian Association, Tulsa. Officers elected were: Willa N. Haws, President; Anna Robinson Clayborn, Vice-President; Willa Shannon, Recording Secretary; Allie B. Jones, Corresponding Secretary; Bernice Landon Moon, Treasurer. The meeting was inspiring and the group benefited greatly from the discussions and lectures.

PENNSYLVANIA

On March 4, the Annual Capping Exercises of the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia was held in Philips Auditorium at the Hospital. Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee delivered the address.

Miss Gertrude Nicholas, Matron of Mercy Hospital, who has been ill at the hospital wishes to thank her many friends for their kind remembrances during her illness.

The Scholarship Committee of Mercy Hospital wishes to thank the Alumnae and friends for their generous response to the recent drive. Over $75.00 was added to the fund. Miss Laura B. Martin, graduate of the class of 1937, received the Hope Chest which was the prize to be given to the graduate bringing in the largest sum of money over $10.00.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dr. John W. Lawlah, Medical Director of Provident Hospital, Chicago has been selected for the position of Dean of the Howard University Medical School, according to an announcement made recently by Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President of the University.

The Annual Banquet of the Chi Eta Phi Sorority was held on March 19 at the Twin Berry Coffee Shoppe.

The Freedmen's Hospital Alumni Association is Sponsoring a two day Institute on Maternal and Child Welfare May 16 and 17. Also an Alumni Dinner on May 17.

NEW YORK

On Monday, April 28 the Citizens Committee Affiliated with the the New York Local Association of Colored Graduate Nurses sponsored a Chinese Dinner at the Port Arthur restaurant. This restaurant is located on Chinatown's famous Mott Street.

Two hundred and eighty guests attended the dinner which was given for the benefit of the Committee. A part of the proceeds of the dinner was refunded to the Committee by the management.

Dr. Y. C. Chu, a graduate of the University of Peiping spoke on "The Place of the Doctor and the Nurse in China's Fight for Freedom". This young woman physician who is now a Research Fellow at the Rockefeller Institute told of the need for trained nurses and doctors in China. A contribution of $30 was made by the Committee and the dinner guests to the United China Relief.

Mrs. Adele Colson, Chairman of the dinner Committee presented to Mrs. Ruth Logan Roberts a copy of the "Life and Times of Frederick Douglas", in appreciation for her leadership of the Citizens Committee.

The Annual Meeting of District 13, New York State Nurses Association will be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania on Tuesday, May 20 at 8:15 P. M., at which time there will be election of officers. At the April meeting of District 13 the members approved the nominating Committee's report. Among those nominated was Miss Anna Sewell, R. N. M. A. for the position of Board of Directors. Miss Sewell, a graduate of Lincoln School for Nurses and Columbia University is Science Instructor for the Lincoln School and the Harlem Hospital School of Nursing. Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers served as a member of the nominating committee.

ILLINOIS

Miss Maria Durham a graduate of Provident Hospital, placed number two on a recent Civil Serivce list of two hundred and twenty-three candidates for the position of staff nurse in the City Department of Health.

A meeting to sponsor enrollment in the American Red Cross was held recently in Chicago with Miss Pearl Fisher from the U. S. Army Nursing Corps, as speaker. Mrs. Francis F. Gaines, president of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses and Miss Belva Overton, Director of Nurses at Provident Hospital urged enrollment in the American Red Cross.

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VIRGINIA

The Old Dominion Association of Colored Graduate Nurses will hold its State meeting at Hampton Institute, June 10-12 inclusive. Miss E. Louise Grant, R. N., M. A., Director of Nurses, Medical College of Virginia will be the guest speaker.

LOUISIANA

Charity Hospital in New Orleans employs in its Negro Division 51 regular Staff Nurses and 15 relief nurses. The new hospital buildings were recently completed at a cost of about $8,000,000; and is operated by the State of Louisiana. The Negro division which is adjacent to the white division is identical in its equipment.

Miss Beatrice Alston, R. N., has recently come to Flint-Goodridge Hospital as Assistant to the Superintendent of Nurses. Miss Alston is a graduate of Lincoln School for Nurses, New York City.

The annual meeting of the Louisiana Colored Graduate Nurses Association was held February 28 and March 1 at Flint-Goodridge Hospital. Among those who addressed the group were: Mrs. Estelle M. Riddle, Director of Nurses, Homer G. Phillips Hospital; Mr. A. W. Dent, Superintendent, Flint-Goodridge Hospital; Sister Henrietta, Director of Nurses, Charity Hospital; Dr. Rivers Frederick, Chief, Surgical Staff, Flint - Goodridge Hospital; Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers, National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses; Mrs. M. Emberton, Child Welfare Association of New Orleans; Dr. M. O. Bousfield, Julius Rosenwald Fund; Mr. A. M. Stephens, Teaching Supervisor, Louisiana Negro Public Health Nurses; Miss Ruth Ingram, Director of Nurses, Touro Infirmary and Miss Corinne Lehman, Director of Nurses, Orleans Parish School Board.

Mrs. D. M. Lange, the newly elected President of the Association is looking forward to a year of interesting work. A campaign to raise funds for National Headquarters has already been planned by the State in cooperation with the New Orleans Local.

One of the outstanding events of the Carnival Season was a reception given at Flint-Goodridge Hospital on Sunday, February 23. The scheme of Mardi Gras was carried out thoroughly. Carnival corsages were given the guests of honor by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dent. Among those in the receiving line were: Mrs. Eola Lyons Taylor, Mrs. Estelle M. Riddle, Miss Hulda Lyttle, Mrs. A. W. Dent and Mrs. Ethel B. Frazier. The guests included visitors from California, New York, Chicago, St. Louis and other cities, who came to New Orleans for the Carnival Season.

NEW JERSEY

On Thursday evening, April 10, Miss Alma Vessells, Director of the Harlem Young Women Christian Association's School for Practical Nurses, addressed a group of two hundred parents and teachers at the Bangs Avenue High School in Asbury Park.

Miss Vessells' subject was, "Opportunities for Negro Women in Nursing." She stressed the importance of study during high school years in order to make good entrance grades; and the selection of the right preparation courses for Nursing.

The selection of an accredited school of nursing and a willingness for post graduate education; also the need to work against the many discriminatory practices facing applicants to schools of nursing and graduate nurses was discussed by Miss Vessells.

Many interesting and pertinent questions were asked by both students and parents.

At the meeting of the New Jersey State Association of Colored Graduate Nurses on Sunday, April 20 in Red Banks, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lula Hawthorne Ader, Summit; Vice President, Mrs. Viola Murray, Atlantic City; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Martha Davis, Elizabeth; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Alice Hall, East Orange; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Anna Ramos, Newark; Treasurer, Mrs. Ethel Quinn, Jersey City. Twenty-six nurses attended the meeting.

On Sunday, March 30, the New Jersey State Nurses Association in cooperation with the New Jersey State Health Department sponsored an Institute and Public Meeting at Trenton.

Miss Dorothy Deming, Director of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing was the guest speaker.

Miss Katherine Gardner, Federal Council of Churches; Mr. Harold Lett, New Jersey Urban League; Mr. Fred Johnson, Director, Summit Young Men's Christian Association and Mrs. Mabel K. Staupers, Executive Secretary, National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses; also Mrs. Louise Bromley Oswald were the participants in a panel discussion on "Community Health Needs." Dr. Walter G. Alexander, member of the New Jersey State Board of Health and Dr. Earl Stewart, Director, Negro Division, New Jersey State Health Department also participated in the Conference.

The meeting was arranged by Mrs. Martha R. Davis, R. N. of the Negro Division, New Jersey State Health Department.

A Reminder

Send your dues promptly to Headquarters in order that you may continue to receive the National News Bulletin. When nurses in your community tell you that they have not received the Bulletin, it is possibly due to the fact that they are unfinancial.

A Nursing Portrait

In May, 1906, Mrs. Ludie Andrews, R. N. of Atlanta, Georgia completed the nursing course at Spelman College. Mrs. Andrews' one desire was to be of service to her race and to work to improve their health conditions.

Not long after her graduation, she was offered the position of Superintendent of Nurses at the Lula Grove Hospital and Training School, an institution operated by a group of white physicians from the Atlanta School of Medicine for the care of Negro patients and the training of Negro student nurses. After seven years, this institution closed, as the Atlanta School of Medicine merged with a larger medical school, and is now a part of Emory University.

The contacts which Mrs. Andrews made at this time with those leaders in Medicine and Surgery were most valuable and were largely responsible for her future success.

In 1914, Mrs. Andrews was employed by Dr. W. B. Summerall to organize a Municipal Training School for Negroes at Grady Hospital. She served this institution until 1920. In referring to Mrs. Andrews' work at Grady Hospital, Dr. Summerall said, "Her services were of the highest character; she showed ability in organization and administration. I always found her thoroughly devoted to her duties; she had high ideals in regard to the work of her people and the nursing profession."

Nurses who have graduated from these two schools under Mrs. Andrews' leadership have been successful and may be found among the nursing profession in many sections of the country.

State registration for Negro nurses in Georgia is the result of Mrs. Andrews' work against tremendous odds. For almost ten years she labored unceasingly to make the State officials realize that Negro nurses should be given the opportunity to take the state examination. In 1920, she won her fight with the result that any nurse who comes from an accredited school now has the privilege of registering in Georgia.

From 1920 to 1928, Mrs. Andrews was in charge of the Student's Infirmary at Morehouse College. She was also instructor in Home and Community Hygiene in the Morehouse College summer school for teachers and also in the School of Social Work.

The Neighborhood Union and the Atlanta Tuberculosis Association were two organizations to which Mrs. Andrews gave much of her time. For the Union, she gave health courses to mothers and girls; also health talks in the City public schools, churches and in many homes when her daily assignment duties were completed.

Mrs. Andrews was Chairman of the Relief Committee of the Atlanta Tuberculosis Association and did valuable work in relieving the distress among these patients through contributions which she raised in Negro churches. She continued this work until the Community Chest came to the assistance of the Committee.

A contribution of one hundred dollars which was raised among the graduate nurses in Atlanta to furnish a room in the Young Women's Christian Association was another manifestation of Mrs. Andrews' interest in her people. She also assisted with the building campaign of this organization and has helped in many campaigns for the improvement of Negroes in Atlanta. She is a member of the local and state Inter-racial Committee. In the local committee, she serves as Chairman of the Committee that looks after the welfare of women and girls in the stockade and in the wards for Social diseases. She is constantly working to bring to these girls a higher conception of life.

Many honors have come to this useful woman: Among them was the distinction of assisting Dr. Howard Kelly, an eminent Surgeon of international fame in an operation. In complimenting Mrs. Andrews, Dr. Kelly said, "I have never been better served even by the nurses that I, myself have trained."

From 1928 to the present time, Mrs. Andrews has served as Superintendent of the Hospital for the faculty and students at Atlanta University. This hospital is located on the beautiful Spelman campus.

In the midst of this busy and interesting life, Mrs. Andrews did not forget her own family, but was responsible for the education of two younger sisters at Spelman College. Faithful to her church, her home, her community and her profession, Ludie Andrews is an example which many may choose to emulate.

"Answer To The Public Question On Cancer"

The American Society for the Control of Cancer, at 350 Madison Avenue, New York, has prepared a pamphlet entitled "Answers to the Public Question on Cancer". Nurses should have this pamphlet in their possession in order to answer intelligently the many questions asked by laymen about cancer.

A Requirement

The American Red Cross and the National League of Nursing Education require membership in the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses of those nurses who live in states where, because of their racial identity they are not accepted to membership in the American Nurses' Association and their State League of Nursing Education.

Family Planning And Negro Health

(Continued from page 1)

stration projects, an educational program has been launched to enlist the cooperation of Negro leadership throughout the country in the general program of the Federation which aims at strengthening every section of the American population. As a fundamental approach to general public education, the Federation seeks to reach professional leaders in the field of medicine, public health, and nursing, to lay sound ground-work to enable these professional groups to adequately utilize existing services and meet the increasing demand for medical assistance in family planning, due to the heavy strain which depression years and the present national emergency are placing upon the health and economic resources of so many families.

Dr. Michael Bent of Meharry Medical College is chairman of a Sub-committee on Birth Control, recently appointed by the National Medical Association, to cooperate with the Federation and its National Advisory Council.

The members of the National Advisory Council are:

Claude A. Barnett, Associate Negro Press, Chicago; Michael J. Bent, M. D., Meharry Medical School, Nashville; Mary McLeod Bethune, National Council of Negro Women, Washington, D. C.; M. O. Bousfield, M. D., Julius Rosenwald Fund, Chicago; William M. Cooper, Hampton Institute, Va.; Frank R. Crosswaith, Negro Labor Committee, New York; John W. Davis, West Virginia State College, W. Va.; Albert W. Dent, Flint-Goodridge Hospital, New Orleans; Crystal Bird Fauset, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, M. D., Alpha Kappa Alpha, Washington, D. C.; A. L. Holsey, National Negro Business League, Tuskegee Institute, Ala; Mrs. John Hope, New York, N. Y.; Charles D. Hubert, D. D., Morehouse College, Atlanta; Charles S. Johnson, Fisk University, Nashville; Eugene Kinckle Jones, National Urban League, New York; Walter Maddux, M. D., Slossfield Health Center, Birmingham; Frederick D. Patterson, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Jr., Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York; Ira De A. Reid, American Youth Commission, Washington, D. C. Bishop David H. Sims, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mabel K. Staupers, R. N., National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, New York, N. Y.; Jesse O. Thomas, National Urban League, New York; Channing H. Tobias, National Council, Y. M. C. A., New York; Forrester B. Washington, Atlanta University School of Social Work, Atlanta, Ga.; Walter White, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York; Max Yergan, National Negro Congress, New York.

Consultants: Arthur B. Spingarn, President, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York; L. Hollingsworth Wood, President, National Urban League, New York; Arthur D. Wright, President, Southern Education Foundation, Washington, D. C.

Literature, attractive cardboard exhibits, poster material outlines for study groups and club programs, are all available on request. The Federation will also endeavor to provide speakers for important state and regional meetings. For further information address the Division of Negro Service, Birth Control Federation of America, 501 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Calling All Nurses

to the First Bi-ennial Meeting of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses in Los Angeles, California, August 17-22 inclusive. Can you afford to miss this interesting meeting? The Institute Theme this year is, "The Challenges of Nursing Education in a Democracy". I am hoping to have the pleasure of enrolling you for this Institute.

Gertrude Perkins, R. N., Registrar.

Congratulations

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Williams of St. Louis, Missouri, who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of Miss Frances Williams, a member of the Advisory Council of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses.

Keep us, O God, from pettiness:
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
Let us be done with faultfinding, and leave off self-seeking.
May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face—without self-pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.
Let us take time for all things:
Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put in action our better impulses, straight-forward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are at one.
And may we strive to touch and to know the great, common human heart of us all, and,
O Lord, God, let us forget not to be kind. **Mary Stewart**

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Our Sympathy

To Mrs. Lucille Lacey Scales at the death of her mother in Palestine, Texas; To Mrs. Viola Neal Harris at the death of her father in Paris, Illinois; To Mrs. Laura Thurman at the death of her father in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
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My Dear Dr. DuBois:

We are about to launch a National Campaign in the interest of a number of Ex-Soldiers who have been court martialled and imprisoned since the first World War.

We have data showing that these young men have never had their day in a court of Justice and furthermore, that all efforts made to gather information from the War Department regarding the status of these boys have proven unsuccessful.

We are therefore requesting you to permit us to use your name on our stationery in connection with the forming of a National Committee and also the alunching of the National campaign for the freedom of these unfortunate men.

It may also be of interest to you to learn that we have secured the Abyssinian Baptist Church for our first Mass Meeting on January 7, 1942, at which time we shall launch our drive for the liberation of the boys.

Knowing of your interest in such matters, we are relying upon your cooperation in whatever way you may feel free to suggest.

Very gratefully yours,

N. J. Humphries

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Request to sponsor

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
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My dear Mr. DuBois:

Several months ago a group of people from some fifty Negro youth clubs, organizations, councils, and social agencies came together to discuss the feasibility of a National Conference of Negro Youth, and idea which many groups had long considered. The concensus of opinion was that a better opportunity had never offered itself for a significant, constructive gathering of Negro youth. For it was felt that such a Conference is in harmony with the times when public opinion is actively concerned with the spread of democratic practices.

The plans for the Conference took concrete shape as the weeks went by under the guidance of an Initiating Committee of 150 young people from every section of the nation. We are now on the verge of holding that Conference. We are enclosing some material on the Conference which we wish you would examine carefully, and as a newspaper writer cooperate with us in making this Conference a noteworthy event in the American scene.

From time to time we send out news of the Conference which we hope you will give full consideration. We hope, too, that you will consider the calling of such a National Conference of Negro Youth for the defense of democracy in times like these, worthy of your editorial comment, and, moreover, that you will make every effort to attend the Conference in person.

Very sincerely yours,

Winifred Norman

Winifred Norman, Chairman
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Youth Conference News

DEFEND DEMOCRACY

DEFEAT HITLER

In another few days the first National Conference of Negro Youth will convene. Never before in the history of the United States have Negro young people from all parts of the nation assembled to consider and act upon the basic problems that confront not only our people but all of the people in the nation. It is timely and fitting that the National Conference of Negro Youth convenes at this time, because democracy stands at the cross-roads.

The legions of Hitler are marching swiftly upon Moscow, with but one goal -- one objective in view -- slavery for mankind. Their endeavor to bring slavery, however, is not limited to the peoples of Europe. It is their intention to bring slavery to the people of the United States, as well as to all of the peoples of this hemisphere. The Nazi soldiers are not marching alone. For in every country they have their Quislings and fifth columnists to whom they look for support in their drive towards world conquest. In the United States, the America First Committee is busy organizing for a fascist America. It is their intention to strike in this country if Hitler is finally victorious militarily in his attack against the Soviet Union. They are working to bring to America what Hitler has brought to Europe -- plunder, murder, the destruction of culture and of the free democratic institutions of the people.

In view of the urgency of this threat to the principles for which Negro youth have always stood, it is hardly possinle for us to remain silent today. It is true that many young people argue that the fight in Europe is none of our business, that the job before us is to solve the problems of the right to vote, lynchings and unemployment in this country. Although these problems must be solved, they must be solved as a part of our struggle for democracy in this country, which will strengthen the unity of the nation in the fight against Hitler.

It is in accord with the rich tradition of our people to concern themselves with the basic problems of all people. It is impossible to ever hope to solve our problems when those groups to whom we must look for support, i.e. the organized labor movement, is being systematically destroyed wherever the Hitler forces have been victorious. What hope is there for us in America without an independent virulent labor movement: without progressive white youth who will support our fight for integration into the life of the nation: without a franchise, however limitited it may be: and without the right of assembly and expression? Can we solve our problems if the ghetto system which has been forced upon the Jewish people in Europe comes to America? (This will be our fate under a fascist regime.) A Hitler victory in Europe will assure us of such a fate in the United States.

It is on the basis of this kind of an evaluation that plans for the National Conference of Negro Youth were launched. The iniators of the Conference felt strongly that all groups must speak and act now, that democracy may be preserved, however limited in scope the democracy that we know may be. So the one thousand young people who are

coming to Washington are coming with an awareness of the Hitler threat to democracy, and with the knowledge that we have a responsibility to fulfill in assuring the success of the stated policies of the Government of extending full aid to those nations -- Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China -- resisting Nazi aggression. If, however, these policies are to be most successfully carried out and if the unity of the nation is to become all-inclusive, American democracy during this hour of crisis has the sacred responsibility to "lay aside every weight that doeth so easily beset us." These words of Paul can help us during this hour. The surest guarantee of full support for the Governments's program from the 15,000,000 Negroes in America today is to proclaim full democracy for all Americans. It can be said with truth that the segregation that continues to exist in the armed forces, and the discrimination that continues to be directed against us by the large monopoly interests who seem more concerned at times with large profits than with the success of the defense program, are the weights that we must set aside.

The Administration in Washington has shown great concern recently about these matters and has already outlined some policies to remedy them. The demotion of the command responsible for the Fort Bragg incident is unprecedented in American military history, and is evidence that the President is working constructively in helping to solve them. Their solution will require the combined statesmanship of us all. The more than two million Negro youth in the nation can contribute immeasurably towards this end.

It is with these objectives in view that we assemble in Washington, November 14th. We assemble to unite our strength and to pool our talents for the supreme issue before humanity -- the defeat of Hitler and the preservation and the extension of democracy.

In preparing for the Conference we have urged all Initiating Committees to consider <u>in advance</u> the questions that will be dealt with by the Conference. At all meetings held to select delegates, a part of the time should be devoted to a consideration of the <u>issues</u> that will be dealt with in Washington. We want to come to Washington November 14th fully prepared to discuss the basic issues that will be before us. For this reason youth leaders in all parts of the country who are planning to attend should <u>begin</u> now to consider these questions.

<u>TWO SHORT WEEKS REMAIN! HAVE YOUR ORGANIZATION ELECT DELEGATES TODAY!</u>

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<u>CONFERENCE INFORMATION</u>

<u>PROBABLE EXPENSES</u>

In answer to the frequent inquiries as to the expenses of delegates at the Conference for board and lodging in Washington, we offer the following budget of minimum expenses. Delegates should be prepared to meet the following items:

HOUSING.	$ 2.00 (2 nights)
MEALS.	3.00
REGISTRATION FEE	1.00
CULTURAL PROGRAM AND ENTERTAINMENT	.50
<u>TOTAL</u>	$ 6.50

<u>TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE</u>

The program committee has been at work on the task of formulating a program which will carry out the principles of the Call, and allow for the broadest form of discussion on the main issues confronting Negro youth today. The general outline follows:

FRIDAY, Nov. 14th	8:00 p.m.	OPENING YOUTH RALLY - "Negro Youth Face the National Crisis"
SATURDAY, Nov. 15th	9:00 a.m.	Conference Organization and Election of Committees
	10:30 a.m.	FIRST SESSION. Keynote Address
	11:30 a.m.	PLENARY SESSION - "Negro Youth vs. Hitlerism"
	2:00 p.m.	1) Citizenship: Its Rights and Duties 2) Jobs for Defense
	EVENING	W.C. HANDY BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL - cultural festival in honor of W.C. Handy's 68th anniversary
SUNDAY, Nov. 16th	11:00 a.m.	CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONVOCATION: Role of Christian Youth in the National Crisis
	2:00 p.m.	FINAL SESSION: Business and Prospectus

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MRS. BETHUNE, NYA HEAD, GREETS CONFERENCE PLANS

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, director of the Office of Negro Affairs, National Youth Administration, received a group of young people from the Washington Arrangements Committee and discussed the Youth Conference with deep interest, Marie Richardson reports from Washington. Mrs. Bethune consented to serve on an Advisory Committee for the Conference. Asked to comment publicly on the Conference, Mrs. Bethune issued the following Statement:

> "Timely - pertinent - necessary! The call for the convening of a NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NEGRO YOUTH to be held in Washington, November 14, 15, 16th seems to meet all three of these challenges.
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> "A militant youth, able to keep its feet on the ground but its head high and its eyes clear will be an asset to America as our country gears itself to the rapid tempo required for the defense of democracy. Today it is just as true as when Lincoln spoke these immortal words: 'A house divided against itself cannot stand.' In as much as I understand the purpose of this Conference is to point to the way toward greater unity by integration of the Negro into all the practical aspects of democracy - not just in theory - I believe it will serve a real purpose."

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"I have read the Call very carefully. It is not only an intelligent job but an inspiring one. It is indeed a call to action....."

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DR. W.E.B. DuBOIS, eminent writer, lecturer, and scholar, head of the Department of Sociology at Altanta University

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CHICAGO — From the "Windy City" we hear that a special committee is working hard to encourage Chicago organizations to send delegations to the Conference. Co-chairmen of the group are Doristine Gates and Louise Evans. Word also comes from Chicago in letters from young people who are enthusiastic Conference supporters. Paul E. X. Brown of the Pullman Porters' Association writes:

"I fail to see a circumstance where anyone with an honest desire in his heart to see the security of democracy maintained in the world could refuse to assist you in your endeavors....."

BOSTON — "IN MASSACHUSETTS, TOO NEGRO YOUTH DEFEND DEMOCRACY". This is the title on the call issued by the Greater Boston Committee for local youth to rally to the NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NEGRO YOUTH. The Committee is composed of representatives of youth social, labor, church groups. Leon Bailey is chairman of this committee; Cotabelle Smith, vice-chairman; Alice Wilson, secretary; Frances Ross, treasurer; Williams Harrison, Publicity director.

Visiting the Boston Committee last weekend with the latest news from the National Office were Jimmy Moss of the New Jersey Initiating Committee and Martha Alexander of the Brooklyn Committee. All signs reported by Jimmy and Martha point to an excellent New England representation in Washington, November 14-16th.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The host city for the Conference is humming with activity. Church, housing, finance and community committees report that preparations are being made for the hundreds of delegates expected. A group of interested adults and parents of young people are meeting this weekend to discuss in what way they can assist the Conference. Invited to the meeting are such leaders as Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Mr. William Hastie, Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, Mr. Robert Weaver, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, and Mr. Channing Tobias.

SAN ANTONIO — Mr. L. W. Sutton, Secretary of the San Antonio Federated Council of the N.N.C. and of the local branch of the NAACP, and advisor to the City Wide Youth Council of Federated Churches informs us that his city is working hard for a strong delegation to the Conference. He writes:

"I pledge you the fullest support continuously as long as we are fighting for true democracy for all. May your fight on Hitlerism be a grand success. May all youth and adults fight this monster together."

PHILADELPHIA At least sixty delegates! That is Philadelphia's pledge for the NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NEGRO YOUTH. Among the people foremost in the organizational plans for the Washington meeting are William Finch and Earl Vann of the Quaker City NAACP Youth Council.

NEW YORK Local Conference preparations outside of the National Office have been carried on by various committees, each working in a different section of the city. Corona, the Bronx, Jamaica, Brooklyn, and Harlem all report that delegates are being elected; Conference petitions against Jim Crow in the Army are being circulated; and interest is high. This weekend a Greater New York Planning Committee will meet to hear reports from the various parts of the area and to complete plans for transporting the expected delegation of almost 200.

POUGHKEEPSIE The Speakers Bureau contacted Rev. T. B. Jenkins of Poughkeepsie who has agreed to furnish the Conference with local youth leaders who will work in Poughkeepsie as an initiating committee for the Washington Conference. Rev. Jenkins reflected on the wonderful possibility that the Conference would have in arousing the local youth.

BUFFALO A visitor of the Initiating Committee, visiting upstate areas of New York and speaking in the interest of the conference wires home to our office:

"RESPONSE WONDERFUL...EVERYBODY ENTHUSIASTIC...STAYING SEVERAL DAYS LONGER..."

FRITZ SQUIRES

We know this means more delegates in Washington the weekend of our Conference.

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SOUTHERN YOUTH RALLY TO NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

READ THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF CAVALCADE!

If you did not read this month's publication of CALVACADE, the monthly paper of the Southern Negro Youth Congress, coming from Birmingham, Alabama, you have missed news of some of the best planned Conference preparations among our youth.

A large section of the publication is devoted to the NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NEGRO YOUTH, with quotations from the Call, pictures of sponsors and members of the initiating committee.

The publishers of CAVALCADE, have written in for 1,000 copies of the Call to distribute, urge all their Councils and members to begin electing delegates and reaching other youth in their communities. They pledge to do their share in seeing that Southern youth are there in Washington, when the Conference opens.

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November 25, 1941

Mr. W. E. Burghardt Du Bois
C/o Henry Holt and Company
257 Fourth Avenue
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Dear Mr. Du Bois:

18-39-54

During the week of February 22, the Department of Directors and Supervisors of Instruction of the National Education Association will hold a series of meetings in San Francisco devoted to the presentation of their Yearbook, AMERICANS ALL - STUDIES IN INTER-CULTURAL EDUCATION.

These meetings will deal with the problems the various schools face in connection with building an understanding of the various groups which make America and helping children of the different groups to have the fullest possible opportunity as Americans. We should like to have present in the discussions, the authors of a number of books which have made a contribution in this field. Your book is among those which we have listed in our selective bibliography and, therefore, if there is any chance that you would be in San Francisco during the week of our meetings, we should appreciate your letting us know in order that we may extend an invitation to you to be present.

The Department unfortunately does not have sufficient funds to pay speakers' fees or even traveling expenses and, therefore, we would not want to impose on you. However, if you expect to be in the vicinity of San Francisco during the week of February 22, we hope that you may be present at our meetings.

Yours very truly,

William W. Wattenberg

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January 7, 1941

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois,

We have in our possession the fragment of your autobiography which was so generously sent to us last year for a manuscript sale to be held for the benefit of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union. Due to unforseen difficulties, it was not possible to hold the sale either in the spring or fall of last year. However, the organizational arrangements for National Sharecroppers Week, 1941, are now in full swing, and the sale will definitely be held the first week in March.

I wonder if it is possible to presume on your generosity still more, and ask for perhaps a few more chapters of the 'Autobiography' which was published last year. It is a valuable piece of Americana, and I am sure, a collector's item of great interest. I know we can help the sharecroppers with it. If the original manuscript of the 'Autobiography' is not in your possession, or you prefer to keep it yourself, then we should indeed be grateful for a copy of the book inscribed in your handwriting.

May I thank you for your kindness and cooperation, and please be assured that we have taken good care of your manuscript. I will let you know in a short time the exact date of the sale and where it will take place. I am also enclosing a brief prospectus of the work of the Sharecroppers Union.

Sincerely yours,
John Chamberlain
John Chamberlain

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4 April 1941

6-27-25

My dear Sir:

I should be very glad to have a copy of the WPA pamphlet called a SURVEY OF THE NEGRO OF LITTLE ROCK. Will you kindly send it to me with bill?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Clifford E. Minton
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APRIL 8, 1941

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Editor-in-Chief, PHYLON
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Survey of Negroes in Little Rock and North Little Rock, sponsored by the Urban League and compiled by the Arkansas Writer's program of the Work Projects Administration, as per your request of April 4, 1941.

Very sincerely yours,

Clifford E. Minton

Clifford E. Minton
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[NAT. Urban League - Minneapolis]

1 April 1941

8-2-60

My dear Sir:

Following my letter of October 17, I beg to say I have three engagements to speak in the Twin Cities: Tuesday at Macalester College, Thursday at the University of Minnesota, Saturday at the Saturday Lunch Club. I could speak for the Urban League, Friday night, April twenty-fifth. My charge would be fifty dollars. Please let me know if you wish my services.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles W. Washington
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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Professor of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Your letter of April 1 arrived on the eve of the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Minneapolis Urban League. At this meeting I again presented the matter of your coming to the city on April 24 and the fact that you would be available for an address on Friday night, April 25.

It happens, however, that on the evening of the 24th, the Minneapolis Council of Social Agencies will hold its 25th anniversary celebration, and all member agencies have been asked to direct their energies toward building up city-wide attendance at this affair. Also the fact that we have had a very heavy schedule during the past month is responsible for our Board feeling that it would be more advisable for us to cooperate with the Saturday Lunch Club than to attempt to promote a special meeting under the auspices of the Urban League.

I am a member of the Saturday Lunch Club and several members of my Board also belong to this organization. Consequently, we are going to join forces to make the Saturday Lunch Club meeting do the job that we had hoped to do under our own auspices.

We consider it a real privilege to have you come to this community and although we regret our inability to follow through on the meeting I wrote you about, we are pleased with the opportunity to cooperate with the Saturday Lunch Club.

During your visit here I would like very much to have an opportunity to confer with you. I will contact you either before or immediately after your university address with a view to making a subsequent appointment.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. W. Washington

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Chas. W. Washington, Executive Secretary

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July 24, 1941.

Request to write article

Mr. W. E. R. Dubois
~~210 W. 150th St.,~~ Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Dubois:

The spread of the war to involve the Soviet Union has faced our country with the task of adopting active measures to combat the menace of Hitlerism. Our government has already gone on record as favoring all possible aid to Great Britain and the USSR, a position supported by 72% of the voters according to a recent Gallup poll.

The question now uppermost is how quickly and effectively our government will move to implement this policy and to establish closer collaboration with Britain, the Soviet Union and China for the defeat of Hitlerism and all its allies.

NEW MASSES is inviting a number of prominent individuals to comment on the war and on the question of American aid to the Soviet Union, Great Britain and China. We have already received statements from men like Lion Feuchtwanger, Upton Sinclair, Solicitor General Henry Epstein of New York, Congressman Sabath of Illinois, Dudley Nichols, Lin Yutang, Rockwell Kent, Millen Brand, Paul Strand, Budd Schulberg, and others. I feel certain that a brief statement from you will be of great interest to our readers.

Can I hope to hear from you shortly?

Sincerely,

Joseph North

Joseph North

4/6-5-13

36-5-117

If the United States, Great Britain and France had not from 1917 to 1932 done nearly all in their power to prevent the Soviet Union from success in its momentous experiment in the economic rebuilding of Russia, Hitler would never have gained his present power. The great democracies forced the Soviets into the arms of Hitler. Now that he too has betrayed Russia and conquered France, it is not magnanimity but expiation for former sins which should make England and America join Russia in opposing Hitler with every effective weapon. On the other hand, the sudden American love for China is not repentance for the race hate that still excludes Chinese from our shores, but simply fear of losing to Japan the immense profit of exploiting Asia. The control of Asia by Asiatics could not possibly have such frightful results as the exploitation of Asia by Europe has already had. Let England and America get out of Asia and clean up their own mess in the Western World.

W. E. B. Du Bois

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THE NEW SCHOOL
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My dear Mr. DuBois:

I am asking you for a great favor. I want your name and the meaning of your name, as sponsor of a dinner the New School is giving in celebration of the grant of a permanent charter under which the New School may confer the degrees of Master and Doctor of Social Science in its own right.

Already before the advance of totalitarianism wrecked the organization of European scholarship, our country had assumed a leadership in many fields of science. We had better chemists, physicists, biologists, physicians and surgeons; better economists and statisticians, better painters and sculptors; better practitioners of the applied arts, than any other single country could boast. Our best scholars and artists, however, realize how vast their field, how few the workers. They recognize the inestimable advantage of drawing in new men, new ideas, new abilities, to round out the possibilities of American achievement.

The New School has set up a Graduate Faculty in the social sciences, manned by eminent scholars exiled from Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain. It is extending its field to include scholars from Belgium, Holland, Scandinavia, Poland, Hungary, Rumania. It was once profitable for American students to go abroad for a year, to add to their field of competence the scholarship growing out of European experience.

As one to whom statecraft is not a monopoly of a government department, but a function also of the scholar and the good citizen, you are alive to the new responsibilities destined to devolve upon our country, however the war may turn. Fate and geography set our country apart for the hegemony in the arts of civilization. From every quarter of the world scholars and artists are turning their faces toward the United States. We want your name among our sponsors as indicative of your moral support.

May I beg for an early reply, if possible, favorable?

Sincerely,

Alvin Johnson

Alvin Johnson
Director

Mr. William E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

18-32-4

5 March 1941

18-32-5

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I shall be very glad to be put down as sponsor for the dinner of the New School for Social Research. I congratulate you upon obtaining a new charter.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Alvin Johnson
New School for Social Research
66 West Twelfth Street
New York City

THE NEW SCHOOL
FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH
66 W TWELFTH ST NEW YORK

March 11,
1941

My dear Mr. Du Bois:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 5th, and your consent to sponsor our charter celebration dinner.

The dinner will be given on April 24th at the Hotel Plaza, and we should like very much to have you join us there as our guest, if it is possible for you to be in New York.

We deeply appreciate your good wishes.

Sincerely,

Alvin Johnson

Alvin Johnson
Director

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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March 10, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I would greatly appreciate it if you could arrange it so that your column could reach us on Thursday morning.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours very truly,

JULIUS J. ADAMS
Managing Editor

JJA:GB

[New York A.S.N.]

9 April 1941

My dear Mr. Powell:

Will you please ask your bookkeeper to write my name correctly on the checks? She writes it W. E. Du Bois. There are at least two other persons with that name, one of whom lives in New York City and the other near. Moreover, I have to endorse each check twice: W. E. Du Bois and then W. E. B. Du Bois my correct name. This may seem a small matter but I wish very much that you would attend to it and insist upon the correct writing of my name.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. C. B. Powell
Amsterdam-Star News
2340 Eighth Avenue
New York City

[New York Amsterdam-Star News]

18-25-70

9 July 1941

My dear Dr. Powell:

I notice that my Amsterdam Star News article for July fifth did not appear. I write to say that it was sent airmail from Cuba, Monday, June twenty-third.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. C. B. Powell
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18-25-60

17 July 1941

My dear Dr. Powell:

Will you kindly let the office know that hereafter and until September fifteenth my address will be.

2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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18-25-53

Via Air Mail

September 27, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

We are changing your column to a prominent place on a specially prepared feature page which will include columns from Roy Wilkins, Frank R. Crosswaith--Vice-President of the American Labor Party and Organizer of the colored workers of the International Ladies Garment Union. For the woman's point of view we are contemplating having Mrs. Crystal Bird Fauset, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune or Mrs. Eleise McDougald.

Because of numerous requests from our readers as well as the staff, I am asking that you reconsider and request that you permit us to use a thumbnail picture of you at the top of your column. All the other columnists have submitted their pictures.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible as the new make up is to begin with our October 11th issue.

Very truly yours,

C. B. Powell

C. B. Powell, Editor

CBP:S

[New York Amsterdam-Star News]

19-25-59

30 September 1941

My dear Dr. Powell:

I am sending you, under separate cover, a picture. I still think that a picture is an unnecessary surrender to the illiterate unless it is really something that he has not seen.

I am enclosing my column a little longer than usual. You did not say how long the projected column should be.

Also one columnist in your paper is exempt from membership in the newspaper guild. I have been a member of the Guild and paid dues for a year or more. I rather think it is my turn to be the exempted columnist.

I am planning to write you later as I think of possibilities for the Amsterdam Star News. I was glad to have the talk with you and Dr. Savory.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. C. B. Powell
Amsterdam Star News
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18-25-56

October 3, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am in receipt of your letter and thank you very much for surrendering your stand on publication of your picture. I think it will be very helpful.

On our new feature pages which will be opposite the editorial page we will include the following columnists--DuBois, Wilkins, Crosswaith and Mrs. Fauset. Your column will appear in the upper right hand half of the page on double columns which should include about 900 words weekly.

Very truly yours,

C.B. Powell, Editor.

CBP:S

[New York Amsterdam-Star News]

14 October 1941

My dear Dr. Powell:

I am not receiving copies of the Amsterdam Star News. None has been received here this fall. I am afraid both copies are being sent to Baltimore.

I asked to have one copy sent to my wife in Baltimore at 2302 Montebello Terrace and the other copy sent to me here at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. Will you kindly see that this is done?

Very Sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. C. B. Powell
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18-25-58

5 November 1941

My dear Mr. Powell:

Do not let the printer leave out the titles to my different paragraphs otherwise it makes the columns toocondensed and long. This will repell readers.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. C. B. Powell
Amsterdam Star News
2340 Eighth Avenue
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WILLIAM HODSON
COMMISSIONER

December 19, 1941.

Dr. W. E. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: Adelburt Burghardt
c/o Roane,
79 Decatur Street, Brooklyn.

33-3-59

Dear Dr. DuBois:

From time to time we make a reinvestigation of our clients' eligibility to receive public assistance. One critically important factor in determining eligibility is the ability of relatives to assist, if only partially. Although Mr. Burghardt is only a half brother and by this token relieves you of legal responsibility, you are the sole relative to whom he can turn in his declining years.

About a year and a half ago you wrote to us expressing concern about "seeing my brother in want" and a desire "to have further information". Throughout this period Mr. Burghardt has been receiving Old Age Assistance, which, even at best, does not afford a very convenient standard of living. We wonder, therefore, whether your financial situation has changed to a degree capable of assisting your brother.

You understand, of course, that there is no legal compulsion and that you can give or withhold assistance of any type. If financially capable, we assume that your family pride, let alone your well known social views, will dictate your acquiescence to assisting your less fortunate kin.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Very truly yours,

Thomas S. Jones

THOMAS S. JONES,
Case Supervisor,
Brooklyn Section,
Division of Old Age Assistance.

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Catherine Latimer

New York, Jan. 24, 1941.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

We are planning an exhibit on "The birth of a book" for February and March, consisting of the manuscript, the galley and the actual published book of several recently published books including Claude McKay, Countee Cullen, Langston Hughes, Melville Herskovits and others. We should appreciate so very much and I especially if you would consider loaning us the manuscript of "Dusk of dawn" or any of your other works. As a matter of fact I said "loan" but if you would consider donating a manuscript to be added to our manuscript collection of about 3,000 items now, I should be very grateful.

I have started a campaign recently in Brooklyn, trying to gather manuscript material from some of those old families and I hope to get some very interesting items.

This exhibit will be in the Negro Division and promises to be most interesting. With best wishes to you.

Sincerely
Catherine

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13-43-12

5 February 194[illegible]

My dear Catherine:

I shall see if I can find you a manuscript or a part of a manuscript of some of my work. I think that part of the manuscript of DUSK OF DAWN went some other organization in New York but I am not certain. I will let you hear from me soon.

My best regards to the family and your Mother.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Catherine Latimer
New York Public Library
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64-32-81

February 9, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

In November I was transferred from the 135th Street Branch Library to the Tremont Branch, at 176th Street and Washington Avenue, where I am the only Negro on the staff. This library is located in the heart of a Jewish community and I need not tell you what avid readers these people are.

From time to time there are requests for outstanding pieces of literature by Negro authors. And until recently "Native Son" has been the most popular book in the branch until Hemingway's "For Whom the Bell Tolls" came on the horizon. Next Friday we are beginning our "Readers' Group" and we hope to present at least three outstanding authors before this group, between now and June at which time we shall close.

Would you consider being one of these speakers? In December "Dusk At Dawn" was a special feature in the branches festive "Book Fair". It would be a great treat for the people in this community to hear you speak. They are already well acquainted with your work.

Would you be good enough to let me hear from you soon? You may set any date, and speak on any subject you choose.

Very truly yours,

Roberta Bosley

Roberta Bosley

RB:AT

13 February 1941

18-23-50

My dear Miss Bosley:

Lecturing is a part of my livelihood. I can usually arrange to lecture in most places according to my schedule but I have to charge a fee. In this case I could lecture sometime in the spring for your branch library. My fee would be fifty dollars.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Roberta Bosley
Tremont Branch Library
176th Street and Washington Avenue
New York City

[New York University]

18-26-08

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON SQUARE, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 27, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I have just received word from Mrs. Rachel Davis-DuBois of the Intercultural Education Workshop, to the effect that her Organization will underwrite your compensation or honorarium for the first semester of 1941-42 in the School of Education, New York University.

This makes me exceedingly happy, as you know we had our mutual friend, the late Professor Johnson, as visiting professor, for a number of years, and since that time have had Professor Brown of Howard University. We are happy to carry on this tradition by having you during the first semester of next year. There is no one in the country that I would rather have with us than to have you. I hope that you will be able to accept our invitation.

I am asking Mrs. DuBois to arrange the program of lectures. It was my feeling that you should give the first half of the course on Contribution of Minority Groups to American Culture, and deal with the contribution of the Negro. In addition to this, I hope that you might have one other course, relating to the problems of Intercultural relationships. However, the details of the program can be worked out, and I am sure Mrs. DuBois will communicate with you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

E. George Payne

E. GEORGE PAYNE
Dean

EGP:hrh

[New York University]

18-26-09

31 January 1941

My dear Mr. Payne:

I have your letter of January 27 and have heard from Mrs. Rachel Davis Du Bois.

As I wrote Mrs. Du Bois, my arrangement with Atlanta University that I should teach two semesters or if I teach summer school, I should have one semester off with pay. It was under this arrangement that I took the trip around the world in 1936. I am quite willing to teach summer school either this summer or next so as to have the first semester of 1941-42 free for lecturing at New York University. In order to do this, however, I must of course obtain the consent of the authorities here.

Will you, therefore, write to President Rufus E. Clement, Atlanta University, telling him that New York University would like to have me lecture there during the first semester of 1941-42 as guest or visiting professor or whatever you call it; that you have been in communication with me and I am willing to do this providing the arrangement can be carried out according to which I teach summer school at Atlanta University and have the first semester free with pay. Please explain that on account of the state regulations as to age you are unable to offer payment but that the Service Bureau for Intercultural Education has promised to make-up at least the difference between living expenses in New York and Atlanta. You are, therefore, asking if the University is willing to grant me this leave.

Also I wish you would write a similar letter to Mr. Dean Sage, chairman of the board of trustees of Atlanta University, 49 Wall Street, New York City, saying that you have already communicated with the President and with me.

I think that with these letters and explanations there will be no hitch in the program. I will keep in touch with Mrs. Du Bois and hope to hear from you again at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dean E. George Payne
New York University
New York City

[New York University]

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON SQUARE, NEW YORK

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18-26-81

March 11, 1941

Professor W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Professor DuBois:

We have been held up somewhat in ironing out certain complications with the Service Bureau for Intercultural Education.

These have now been cleared, and I have written to President Clement and also to Mr. Sage. I am sending you copies of the letters.

I hope that we may be able to have you with us.

Very cordially yours,

E. GEORGE PAYNE
Dean

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Encls:

[NEW YORK UNIV.]

March 11, 1941

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear President Clement:

I have written to Professor DuBois, inviting him to spend the fall semester at New York University as visiting professor.

I have, from Mrs. Rachel Davis DuBois, the information that her organization will provide the necessary compensation to make up the difference between the amount he would receive from Atlanta University and the amount necessary for him to be in New York for this semester.

As you perhaps know, we have had a visiting professor for the last half-dozen years. First--Professor James Weldon Johnson and later, Professor Sterling Brown. It is our hope to continue this important connection and to have an outstanding representative of the Negro group on our staff.

I hope that you will find it possible to release him from your institution to undertake this important work here. Our purpose is to have him give the principal part of the course on "Negro Contributions to American Culture" and a second course, "Cultural Democracy."

I should like to have your reply as early as possible, so that we may list Professor DuBois in our catalog.

Very sincerely yours,

E. GEORGE PAYNE
Dean

EGP:hrh

[NEW YORK U.]

March 11, 1941

Mr. Dean Sage
49 Wall Street
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Sage:

I have invited Professor DuBois of Atlanta University to come to New York University as visiting professor during the fall semester of 1941-42.

He is willing to come, provided Atlanta University can release him. I have communicated with the President and hope to have a favorable reply from him.

I wanted also, to write to you, in the hopes that you might wish to give your support to our request.

If you would like any further information, kindly call my office and I would be glad to talk with you.

Very sincerely yours,

E. GEORGE PAYNE
Dean

EGP:hrh

20 March 1941

18-25-17

My dear Dean Payne:

I am enclosing copies of my memoranda to the President of Atlanta University and his reply.

I very much regret this unexpected decision on his part and I am sorry if my over sanguine expectations led you astray.

At any rate you can see that under the circumstances it will be impossible for me to accept your invitation to come to New York University next semester unless, of course, some unforeseen action on the part of the President or the trustees should take place.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dean E. George Payne
New York University
New York City

[New York University]

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

March 24, 1941

18-24-02

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I have your letter and also a letter from President Clement of Atlanta University.

I deeply regret our inability to arrange for your connection with us as a visiting professor during the fall semester of 1941-42.

I have always admired you personally and appreciated your great contribution to American understanding. Your presence here would have been of supreme value in advancing our effort toward the appreciation of Negro Contributions to American life and also would have advanced our work toward the elimination of discrimination against the Negro.

I still hope that we may, in some way, complete this arrangement.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Edge Payne

E. GEORGE PAYNE
Dean

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[1941]

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Purpose

The Service Bureau for Intercultural Education aims to assist teachers, school administrators, and community leaders in efforts to reduce ethnic group prejudice and to develop greater national unity. It recognizes that the strength of the United States, from the beginning, has sprung from the diversity of the country's racial and cultural composition. The Bureau has had twelve years of experience in leading teachers to develop appropriate methods of intercultural education and in providing them with necessary factual and audio-visual materials.

Courses at New York University

Spring Term — 1941
Registration — February 1-4
Beginning February 5

220. 208 — INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION. Dr. Rachel Davis-DuBois. 3 points. Friday, 4:15-6:00.

This course is a practical application of the social psychology of intercultural relations. It describes and analyzes projects in intercultural education on all grade levels and in all subject matter areas—among them the documentary play and assembly programs in "tolerance and democracy" — which have been successfully conducted in schools and communities, and gives guidance in setting up similar projects.

120. 234 — PROBLEMS OF INTERCULTURAL ADJUSTMENT. Mr. George Graff. 2 points. Tuesday, 4:15-6:00.

An introductory discussion of questions of race, culture, prejudice, propaganda, and democracy; their interrelationships. The course gives a short overview of the history and adjustment in American life of especially those ethnic groups which present current problems.

Summer Session—1941
June 30 - August 8

220. 207, 208 — INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION. Dr. Rachel Davis-DuBois. 6 points. Monday-Friday, 9:00-11:00.

The first part of this course presents the philosophy of cultural democracy as one approach to the problem of race and culture prejudice in our American communities. It presents an overview of cultural anthropology as it relates to prejudice, and discusses and relates to child development programs those personality maladjustments partially due to culture group conflict. The second part of the course is described above under *Spring Term—1941*.

Coordination With Other Subjects

Both the courses and other activities, described below, are under the direction of Dr. Rachel Davis-DuBois and are coordinated with other departments at New York University. A teacher of English, for instance, may equip herself to enrich her teaching of American literature with understanding of the contributions made to it by various culture groups, and actually plan such a unit under expert guidance. This applies also to teachers of the Social Studies, Home Economics, and the Arts, both Folk and Fine. The Division of Elementary Education will also allow a similar coordination. The Educational Sociology Department will give guidance in plans for school and community surveys. This guidance will be especially helpful to students training for social group work.

A Workshop and Laboratory

122 Waverly Place

Exhibits of books, folk art, fine art, pictorial statistics, maps, etc., are available for teachers wishing to work out activity units. A series of *experiments* in program planning by small groups is conducted to demonstrate the combination of various cultural elements in the observance of American Holidays. *Socials* give opportunities for meeting outstanding leaders of the various culture groups. *Visits* to the homes and community activities of members of those groups in New York City are arranged. *Discussion Meetings* are held from time to time with outstanding leaders of different culture groups and with specialists in the various subject matter interests and group work agencies.

Dr. Holland Roberts, of Leland Stanford University, and formerly president of the National English Teachers Association, is visiting professor in the English Department at New York University during the Summer Session. He will report on work that has been done in several California schools in developing national unity through the language arts, and will be available for guidance in planning projects for utilizing community resources.

School and Community Working Committees

In some communities school administrators have appointed committees of teachers who are studying at New York University to plan programs in intercultural education for their respective schools or communities. Special attention will be given such groups with specific purposes.

Information

No charge is made for the services of the workshop. Preference in time, however, will be given to students registered at New York University and working on intercultural programs. The regular tuition fee of New York University is $11 per point of credit. *A few scholarships are available.* For further information write to Dr. Rachel Davis-DuBois, 122 Waverly Place, New York, N. Y. Orchard 4-3193.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

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February 15, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-26-72

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Miss Shirley Graham informs me that you are proposing to write a short article on our production of her Dust to Earth and she asks me whether I can write you anything concerning audience impressions and reactions. This, as you will realise, is a request very difficult to satisfy in any adequate manner, since in the theatre you will always find that what pleases one section does not please another. However, I think I may say this: Miss Graham's play did hold the attention of the house and, although there were some who thought that the minor characters were not boldly enough drawn and others who complained that certain incidents had not been fully enough developed, there were many who sincerely praised the play. One man to whom I spoke, in thanking us for presenting the drama to the public, made what seems to me an interesting remark: He said "I felt that this play had a certain 'Elizabethan' quality; all the various episodes were not neatly tied up into intellectual knots as are the incidents in so many modern realistic plays." I myself sympathise with his point of view, in that I feel that, with the development of modern realism, playwrights have a tendency to forget that their first business is to present and develop passion and not to explain events intellectually and rationally to their audience. Of course, the realistic convention and its accompanying forms have become so familiar and standardised in our present-day theatre that I expect many people would fail to appreciate what this friend of mine said; some may even have been left a little puzzled, particularly concerning the "sabotage" element in the play.

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We had a very interesting discussion a week after our production, in which various members of the invited audience, students of the Department and Faculty participated. There was one general criticism voiced -- that Miss Graham might have been able to tell her story without so many shifting scenes.

Several persons said that they found a break in emotion due to the fact that time had to be allowed for the changing of the sets.

If there are any particular points which you would like explained or further elaborated, please let me know. I am anxious to do anything in my power to assist Miss Graham, who has, it seems to me, a real future before her as a leader in the theatre of her race.

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite Cox

AN/AB

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Request for information

Box 381
Kansas State College
Manhattan, Kansas
February 21, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Sir:

I am attempting a study of contemporary Negro writers.

Would you please make a statement on writing and the Negro, and what you consider requisites for good writing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Theo Nix

(Miss)Theo Nix

18-35-95

24 February 1941

My dear Madam:

Dr. Du Bois wishes me to say that he regrets that he has not time to write the statement for which you ask in your letter of February 21.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Miss Theo Nix
Kansas State College
Box 381
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My dear Sir:

I am very sorry to have disappointed you concerning the article which I promised. When the representatives of your papers came here I was busy with the conference and as I understood it I promised to send you an article in May since the conference lasted until April nineteenth and I had a lecture schedule taking me North as far as Minnesota and lasting until after May first. If I had understood that the article was to be written within that time, I should not have promised but evidently I misunderstood them or they misunderstood me.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Request to write article

011-14-81

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This is to acknowledge with thanks yours dated May 5th. We were sorry, of course, that we were not able to carry an article by you in our Educational number, which was issued May 10th. Your letter explains. We hope next year to give you ample time in which to prepare for us a brief statement.

From a standpoint of editorial content this year's number was not up to standard. However, we hope to improve upon this in future efforts. Under separate cover we are sending you a copy.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

P. B. YOUNG

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F. D. BLUFORD, PRESIDENT

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The Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina

GREENSBORO, N. C.

February 4, 1941

18-44-155

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Box 356, Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I thank you very much for your letter of January 31. I had planned to attend the meeting in Atlanta but I find that I shall not be present.

Our Legislature is now in session and there are some matters coming up in reference to our appropriations which necessitates my remaining here.

Should I come to Atlanta in the near future I shall be glad to get in touch with you in reference to the matter suggested in your letter.

Very truly yours,

F. D. Bluford
President

FDB:jdg

Lectures January

Charlotte Hawkins Brown
Palmer Institute
Sedalia, North Carolina

David D. Jones
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

F. L.
Atkins
Winston-Salem

Robert P. Daniel
Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina

Edward H. Gould
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

H. L. McCrorey
Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte, North Carolina

18-23-48

13 February 1941

My dear President Bluford:

Dr. Du Bois will be lecturing in North Carolina the latter part of March. He could arrange to speak at A and T College. He fee would be fifty dollars. I enclose a list of subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

President F. D. Bluford
A & T College of North Carolina
Greensboro, North Carolina

F. D. BLUFORD, PRESIDENT

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The Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina

GREENSBORO, N. C.

February 26, 1941

Lectures

Miss Irene Diggs
Atlanta, University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-44

My dear Miss Diggs:

Your letter in reference to Dr. Du Bois's lecture tour during the month of March has been received. I regret that our program for that time is fill, but we shall be glad to have him come some other time. I hope that we will be able to arrange for him to come at a later date.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Very truly yours,

F. D. Bluford
President

FDB:jdg

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The Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina

GREENSBORO, N. C.

February 26, 1941

18-44-159

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I thank you very much for your letter concerning the proposed Atlanta University Conference and I wish to assure you that I shall attend if possible.

Dean W. T. Gibbs of our staff I think, is well acquainted with the economic and social conditions of the Negro in this state. I believe that he will be in condition to attend this conference.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Very truly yours,

F. D. Bluford
President

FDB:jdg

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GREENSBORO, N. C. March 6, 1941

18-44-166

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Du Bois:

Your letter has been received. We shall be very glad to bear the expenses of our delegates to the conference.

We are looking forward to our trip to Atlanta with a great deal of interest.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Very truly yours,

F. D. Bluford
President

FDB/elb

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The Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina

GREENSBORO, N. C.

March 20, 1941

8-44-222

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you for your letter of recent date relative to the PHYLON INSTITUTE and the TWENTY-FIFTH ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE. I am very much interested in the type of work that you plan to do on these occassions, but I regret to inform you that I cannot be present at that time.

I wish you much success and hope that this conference will be the best ever held.

Very truly yours,

Warmoth T. Gibbs

Warmoth T. Gibbs
DEAN

WTG:VJS

[NORTH CAROLINA AGRIC. + TECH. COLL.]

7 April 1941

18-44-160

My dear President Bluford:

I have written Dean Gibbs and he writes me March 20 that he cannot be present at our conference April 17, 18 and 19. I hope very much that you will have someone else who will represent the college and know of any investigations into the economic condition of the Negro in North Carolina which have been made. We shall be glad to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President F. D. Bluford
A and T College
Greensboro, North Carolina

F. D. BLUFORD, PRESIDENT

E. R. HODGIN, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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The Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina

GREENSBORO, N. C.

April 15, 1941

18-44-161

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I thank you very much for sending me a copy of the tentative program of the Phylon Institute which is to be held at Atlanta University on April 17, 18 and 19. I regret that a conference with government officials will prevent my being present at the conference in Atlanta.

I hope that you will have a very inspiring and successful meeting.

Very truly yours,

F. D. Bluford
President

FDB:etb

F. D. BLUFORD, PRESIDENT

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The Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina

GREENSBORO, N. C.

Lectures 1941

October 7, 1941

18-44-37

Dr.W.E.B.DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr.DuBois:

I was very glad to receive your wire stating that our temms were staisfactory regarding your appearing on our Forum this coming Sunday.

We were rather late arranging our calendar for the year. I hope you will pardon the delay in getting in touch with you.

The Forum Sunday, which takes place at 3:30 in the afternoon, is one of a series instituted at the suggestion of the Federal Security Agency. These Forums, as you know, are designed to raise civilian morale by giving the people an opportunity to discuss freely various questions of especial importance to Americans at this time. We hope, therfore, that in this short time you can arrange to speak on some question that bears directly on the American Negro and his relation to what is taking place in the world today.

Kindly let me know just when you will arrive so that you can be directed to your ledgings without inconvenience to yourself.

Sincerely yours,

A.R. Brooks

A.R.Brooks

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7 October 1941

18-44-36

My dear Mr. Brooks:

After our telephone conversation I wired you last night as follows: CAN SPEAK SUNDAY IF YOU CAN AFFORD MY FEE OF FIFTY DOLLARS AND EXPENSES stop LETTER FOLLOWS.

Confirming this communication I beg to say that I am taking very few lectures this year because of the press of editorial work and the book which I am writing. I can well imagine that your forum has not any plethora of funds and I shall understand perfectly if you cannot afford the compensation which I have set.

Please let me know your decision immediately. If I come I shall come by auto on Saturday leaving Monday and my secretary, Miss Diggs, will be with me. It will be necessary to provide lodging for her as well as myself.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. A. R. Brooks
Colored A and T College
Greensboro, North Carolina

8 October 1941

18-44-38

My dear Mr. Brocks:

My subject will be "The Stake of the Negro in the Present World War".

We shall arrive about five p. m. Saturday and should like to have supper.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. A. R. Brocks
The A and T College
Greensboro, North Carolina

[Oct. 12, 1941]

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Pastor of the First Congregational-Christian Church

Introduction of Speaker - - - - - - -President F. D. Bluford

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"The Stake of the Negro in the Present World War"

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NEXT FORUM: Sunday, November 9, 3:30 P. M.

Mr. A. Russell Brooks, Chr. of Forum Committee

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The Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina

GREENSBORO, N. C.

October 25, 1941

Lectures

18-44-39

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I thank you very much for your letter of October 20. I am happy to know that you enjoyed your stay here and were impressed with the improvements that have been made.

We were very glad to have you here and your address made a great impression on our students and faculty. I trust that you will be able to visit our institution again in the near future.

Very truly yours,

F. D. Bluford
President

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8 February 1941

My dear Mr. Shepard:

I could speak at North Carolina College most any time in February or March. I am not taking my Northern trip until April so that I can come to Durham during these months. A Saturday date would suit me best but I assume you would prefer a Friday date which will be all right. Let me know when you want me.

18-39-55

By the way I am planning a conference in Atlanta, April 10, 11 and 12 to begin a systematic study of the economic condition of the Negro in the past and organized planning for the future. The Carnegie Foundation is giving me a small sum to finance the meeting this year and other one next year. I want your institution represented. If you have a good economist or sociologist, I hope you will plan to send him and, of course, you would be welcome to come yourself. I cannot do anything toward travel expenses but board and lodging would be taken care of. I will write you more in detail about this later.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Shepard.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President James E. Shepard
North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE FOR NEGROES
DURHAM

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 10, 1941

18-39-52

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 8. I wonder if you could arrange to speak here at eleven o'clock on Friday, March 21. We would have a larger number of the student body in attendance than if we had an evening engagement.

I am glad that you are going ahead with your conference on April 10-11-12. I will arrange for Dean Taylor to represent this Institution. He has made quite a study of the economic condition of Negroes of this State, and I believe that he will make a valuable contribution. Let me hear from you.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

James E. Shepard
President

JES:HHH

13 February 1941

My dear President Shepard:

I shall be glad to speak for you at eleven o'clock on Friday morning, March twenty-first.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-39-57

President James E. Shepard
North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE FOR NEGROES
DURHAM

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 19, 1941

18-27-65

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

As I have written you before, Dean J. T. Taylor will be present at the conference, and if possible I am going to try to be there for a short while. I sincerely hope that the meeting will be a great success.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

James E. Shepard
President

JES:HHH

North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham

March 27, 1941

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

In reply to your letter of March 8 in reference to a conference on the economic condition and social trends of the American Negro, I wish to advise that I shall be very glad to be present.

In reference to studies about the North Carolina Negro, very little has been done relative to investigating his economic and social status. A few years ago, I collaborated with Dr. Guy Johnson in investigating the effects of the NIRA upon the Negro. This work was done for the Southern Interracial Commission and the results were mailed to their office in Atlanta. I do not know what use was ever made of them.

In a few days, I will send a bibliography of such studies and investigations as have been made on the economic and social status of the Negro in this state.

Sincerely yours,

James T. Taylor

James T. Taylor
Dean of Men

JTT:HP

North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham

April 15, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-27-77

My dear Dr. DuBois:

You may expect me for the conference.

Sincerely yours,

James T. Taylor
Dean of Men

JTT:HP

[North Carolina,]

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15 February 1941

My dear Mr. Couch:

May I ask what the present status of my manuscript SEVEN CRITIQUES OF EDUCATION is?

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Mr. W. T. Couch
University of North Carolina Press
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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February 19, 1941

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta,University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

Our Manuscript Committee and Board of Governors have approved publication of your Seven Critiques of Negro Education, but our Finance Committee so far has not been able to authorize publication of the work.

The reason for the hesitation of the Finance Committee is that we fear interest in material of this nature at the present time is almost negligible. Just now the world is on the verge of slipping back into barbarism so far as relations between the races are concerned. Consideration of the ideas that have led to improvement in education and in relations between the races in the last fifty years has no chance whatever to get public attention at the present time.

I have been holding the manuscript in the hope that we could find some way to go ahead regardless of this situation, but I have not found this way, and I see nothing for us to do but to return the manuscript and express our regrets that we are unable to publish.

The work is being returned to you under separate cover by insured express collect.

Sincerely yours,

W. T. Couch

W. T. Couch
Director

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[North Carolina, University of]

28 February 1941

My dear Sir:

18-2-7-86

We are hold at Alanta University, April 17, 18 and 19 a conference on THE ECONOMIC CONDITION AND TRENDS OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO. This will be the twenty-fifth Atlanta conference and I am enclosing a general description. Mr. Charles S. Johnson of Fisk write me that you "come closer than most of the southern students to pertinent material for the Negro." Will you kindly let me know what there is available touching the economic condition of Negroes that we could get hold of and what the expense would be? I shall be under great obligation if you can advise me. We would further be very glad to have you present at our conference.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Rupert Vance
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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Box 356, Atlanta University
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2-04-81

As a student who received his Ph. D. in economics I thought I would be invited to your conference about which I learned only after it was over. I would like to secure the minutes of the conference if I may when these are ready. Thank you.

V.V. Oak
Wilberforce, Ohio

9 May 1941

My dear Mr. Oak:

I did not know that you received you Ph. D. in economics or I would have invited you directly to our conference. However, I did write to the President and asked him to have the university represented by an expert and he sent Wright. You will find notices of our transactions in PHYLON.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. V. V. Oak
Wilberforce University
Wilberforce, Ohio

18-48-3

V. V. Oak

Ans Aug 15

[OAK]

P.O. Box 25
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
August 3, 1941

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am doing some study in the office of the Research & Records Department. Before going into the main purpose of my letter, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your kindly note on the W.V. Quarterly? I must also add that, to my mind, the most important and interesting part of the Phylon is the last section dealing with International Events. Why this has not been placed first, I am entirely unable to comprehend unless the idea is to leave a good taste in the mouth of the readers as they finish reading the Phylon.

In 1936-37-38, I spent my summer vacations in visiting all

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Negro colleges offering business training. From 1939-41 I spent time in visiting Negro businesses.

I am now planning to write a book on Negro Business. The title will be a little different. The first part will discuss about Negro business, possibilities, & so on. The Second part will discuss Business Training for Negroes & a thero revaluation of this training as it is given in our N. colleges. The third part will be an attempt to correlate these two and suggest a proper program for N. colleges to follow & for the business men to initiate etc.

I have had quite a difficulty because of my outspoken attitude to rise any further than a professor at the lowest salary. Even my friend Dr. Walker got so angry at my outspokenness that he demoted me to the rank of an instructor this year and was angry because

I was trying to get a job elsewhere. If he had followed my advice last year, he still would have been the president of W. V.

I need your help — the type of help only you are capable of giving. I want you to write a preface to my book. It does not have to be a long one, but your name will give the book a dignity & I may be able to find a good publisher. So far I have spent over $2000 in travel. Anyway, the American Council on Public Affairs wrote me to work on this project promising this help if the the books turns out halfway decent. They suggested, however, that I secure some prominent leads. I regard you as a prominent as well as a creative leader, and I see no one who is more fitted to undertake this task than you are. I had asked Mrs. G. Holland to approach you on this matter, but after thinking it over I thought it best to write to you myself and see if I can induce

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you to give me a lift — at least I shall ~~regard~~ regard it a lift. Many persons here at Wilberforce still regard you as a dangerous man. The world is always afraid of people who are way ahead of them in thought & action!

This is a very serious matter I am writing you about — serious to me. I shall be very much disappointed if I received an unfavorable response. I know you are a busy man, but I am hoping and praying that you will be really interested in this project and do me this favor not merely to give me a lift, but also because it is a subject in which you are interested.

The library here at Wilberforce does not have ~~your~~ a copy of your A.U. study on N. Russians. How could I secure one as a loan? May I hear from you soon? With best wishes, I am

Yours truly, V.V. Oak

[OAK]

Wilberforce University Quarterly
Wilberforce, Ohio

Editor: V. V. Oak

August 22, 1941

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you very much for your kind response of August 15. Of course, I am very well acquainted with your philosophy ~~of~~ Negro business, but I am taking the attitude in this book that Negroes "must follow as well as they can current patterns" as you expressed it in your letter. I am quite sure that the Negro business men and college departments will disagree with you. I lost two jobs as head of commercial departments because I took the attitude that ~~any~~ business education must be found upon two years of general education so that we would not turn out puppets who have no sense of social consciousness.

I am going to try Major R. R. Wright, but if I fail to get him I may have revert to you. After all, I am NOT writing the book for popular consumption any way.

As I know Mrs. Holland is likely to be too busy, I was tempted to use another word, I am writing on her behalf to tell you that she has a position now as head of the Home Economics Department at Baton Rouge, La. She will leave for that place early in September.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

V. V. Oak

18-40-4

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October 22, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

18-31-21

We are planning an art sale and auction to be held in late November or early December to raise urgently needed funds for the Oklahoma Criminal Syndicalism cases which are being handled by the International Labor Defense. We should like very much to have this project sponsored by people distinguished in the field of civil liberties and in the field of art. Your name would be most appropriate.

Will you do us the honor of joining with me as one of the sponsors? Others who have accepted are Mr. William Gropper, Miss Minna Harkavy, and Mr. Rockwell Kent, well-known artists; Dr. Bernard Myers of New York University, noted art critic; and Mrs. Hester G. Huntington, prominent in the defense of civil liberties.

I hope we may hear from you very soon, and that you will honor us with accepting this invitation to be one of the sponsors for this noteworthy cause.

Sincerely,

Josephine Truslow Adams

Josephine Truslow Adams, Chairman
Committee of Sponsors
OKLAHOMA ART SALE COMMITTEE

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[Oklahoma Art Sale Committee]

28 October 1941

18-31-22

My dear Madam:

In answer to your letter of October 22, I should be glad to have my name used as a sponsor for the Art Sale to raise funds for the Oklahoma cases.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Josephine T. Adams
International Labor Defense
112 East 19th Street
New York City

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March 22, 1941

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT — G. L. HARRISON, PRESIDENT

18-44-230

Dr W E B DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr DuBois

I regret delay in replying to your letter as it came during my absence from the institution. I am sending you the name of Dr A J Walker, Acting Head of the Department of Social Sciences. You may communicate with him and I am certain he will be of considerable assistance in providing you with information that you desire.

I regret that I did not have chance to see you while in Atlanta last week.

With kind regards and best wishes,

I am

Sincerely yours

G. L. Harrison

G L Harrison
President

GLH:A

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Langston, Oklahoma

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DR. G. L. HARRISON, PRESIDENT

18-41-46

April 9, 1941

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 4, 1941, and the invitation to attend the First Phylon Institute and the Conference on the Economic Condition and Social Trends of the American Negro.

President Harrison apparently misinformed you relative to my studies on Negro problems. I have done some research on the Negro in Haiti but none on the American Negro.

Unfortunately, there are no surveys available on the race in Oklahoma. I have been out of school less than a year but am considering plans for an extensive economic and social survey of the Negro through-out the state.

I would be happy to inform you of these studies in detail, once the program is launched.

Very truly yours,
A. J. Walker
Dr. A. J. Walker

AJW:amp

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18-25-3

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WHITING WILLIAMS
RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE AND OTHERS

January 27, 1941.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

May I ask again about possible dates for Ohio State University at Bowling Green. I should like to suggest any dates you have free at $100 flat in April, or any dates you might be able to give them in their summer term, which I judge comes around July 6 to mid-August. When Mr. Schwartz of the University last wrote me, he thought he might prefer to have you on the summer term lecture course.

Also, may I know what you wish to do with reference to our 1941-42 Lecturer List which I am now getting ready to go to press. Will you want to carry "display Space " in it again at $10? I well realize that it has not brought much of a return this season, with just the one definite engagement at Minneapolis on April 24th! But one can never tell about a new season, and next year might be better.

I shall appreciate hearing from you fairly soon about both matters.

Sincerely yours,
Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

[Open Forum Speakers Bureau]

31 January 1941

18-25-2

My dear Miss Smith:

As I wrote you July 29, I could speak at Bowling Green, Ohio, April thirtieth. The fee would be one hundred dollars.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss M. C. Smith
Open Forum Speakers Bureau
80 Boylston Street
Boston

[Open Forum Speakers Bureau]

6 February 1941

18-25-4

My dear Miss Smith:

Include me in
your 1941-42 lecturer list unless
it is too late and send me the bill.
Please change the wording as indicated.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Mildred C. Smith
Boston, Massachusetts

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AND OTHERS

February 7, 1941.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Northern State Teachers College at Marquette, Michigan, lists you among the speakers it would like to present at its Monday morning school assemblies at 9:50 A.M. in the school year 1941-42.

Are your plans laid far enough ahead for you to be able to let me suggest any dates to them now when you would be in the vicinity and available at perhaps $50 to $75 flat less commission?

If not, will you keep them in mind and write me later.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

MS:W

Executive Secretary.

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[Open Forum Speakers Bureau]

3 April 1941

My dear Miss Smith:

It will be impossible for me to include the Northern States Teachers College at Marquette, Michigan on my spring schedule. I have my schedule filled except Friday evening, April 25. If you have anything that you could insert there I should be glad.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Mildred C. Smith
Open Forum Speakers Bureau
80 Boylston Street
Boston

1-25-81

[Open Forum Speakers Bureau]

10 April 1941

41-52-18

My dear Miss Smith:

The fee at the University of Minnesota must definitely be one hundred dollars. I have only one other Minneapolis engagement, Saturday afternoon. Moreover I have been told that the usual fee at the University of Minnesota is one hundred fifty dollars. I think that one hundred dollars is the least that I should charge. I will get in touch with Mr. Willey.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Mildred C. Smith
Open Forum Speakers Bureau
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts

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18-25-81

April 15, 1941.

Lectures pending

Dr.W. E. B.Du Bois

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

The Central Methodist Church in Detroit, Michigan, is beginning to plan its series of Wednesday night programs for next season. I recommended you to them and find them interested.

Kindly let me know promptly what Wednesdays you would be free to speak for them, from which they can make prompt selection. They meet weekly from about mid-September to mid-May 1942.

Sometimes the Vortex Club, a small luncheon club in Detroit, uses the speakers at noon. The financial arrangement is usually about $50 to $75 for the evening alone, about $65 to $85 for the two together. Would you prefer just evening, or both?

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

[Open Forum Speakers Bureau]

18 April 1941

18-25-6

My dear Miss Smith:

I cannot at present tell about my lecture engagements next year. I rather think I shall take very few. But as soon as come to a conclusion, I will write you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Mildred C. Smith
80 Boylston Street
Boston

[Open Forum Speakers Bureau]

5 May 1941

18-25-15

My dear Miss Smith:

I spoke at the auditorium of the University of Minnesota, Thursday, April 24, at 11:30. There was a large audience. I presume at least two thousand. Afterward I went over to the Union and had lunch and answered questions for about an hour. Enclosed is my bill.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Mildred Smith
Open Forum Speakers Bureau
Boston, Massachusetts

OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS BUREAU
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts

to

W. E. B. Du Bois, Dr.

to lecture - University of Minnesota, April 24, 1941	$100.00
less fee	25.00
	75.00

5 May 1941

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18-25-16

May 7, 1941.

Lectures

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We sent the University of Minnesota a second bill on May 1st and I presume their check will be along soon now. There is always a certain amount of red tape with these State University accounts which makes payment very slow. As soon as we receive the check we will send you your share of it.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred P. Smith

MS:W

Executive Secretary.

Havana, May 24,1941

My esteemed Friend:

You have given me an excellent supprise with the news of your forthcoming visit to Havana. You will be received with every favor. I beg you especially to advise me, in ample time, of the exact date of your arrival and of the boat on which you are coming.

As for the Hotel at which you will reside, it will be preferable not to go th the Royal Palm. I have various names for you and we shall discuss them as soon as you arrive.

18-29-4

The friends of the Society of Afro-Cuban Studies have received the news of your coming with great interest and you will have ample opportunity to speak (to them).

Señor Romero has written me that my proposal of a Congress of Afro-American Studies is being well received, especially by the American Council of Learned Societies. We shall discuss this matter which I believe to be of considerable importance.

Awaiting news from you and with the desire of shaking your hand very soon, I remain

Devotedly,

Fernando Ortiz

TRANSLATION

FERNANDO ORTIZ
HABANA

CALLE L Y 27 - VEDADO

Habana, mayo 24, 1941.

Prof. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

18-29-3

Mi estimado amigo:

Me ha dado Ud. una excelente sorpresa con la noticia de su próxima visita a la Habana. Será Ud. recibido con todo agrado. Le ruego muy encarecidamente me avise, con tiempo suficiente, el día exacto de su llegada y el barco en que viene.

En cuanto al Hotel de su residencia, será preferible que no vaya al Royal Palm. Yo le tengo varios nombres y hablaremos apenas Ud. llegue.

Los amigos de la Sociedad de Estudios Afrocubanos han recibido la noticia de su llegada con mucho interés y Ud. podrá hablar ampliamente.

El señor Romero me ha escrito que mi proposición de un Congreso de Estudios Afroamericanos está siendo muy bien recibida, particularmente por el American Council of Learned Society. Ya hablaremos de este asunto que yo creo de mucha importancia.

Quedo esperando sus noticias y con el deseo de estrechar muy pronto su mano.

Devotamente,

Fernando Ortiz.

26 May 1941

18-29-1

My dear Dr. Ortiz:

I am planning to arrive on the boat from Key West, Thursday, June fifth and have written for accomodations at the Hotel Royal Palm for myself and my secretary.

It will be a great pleasure to meet you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Fernando Ortiz
27 #160 esq. aL. Vedado
Habana
Cuba

27 May 1941

18-29-5

My dear Mr. Ortiz:

Referring again to your letter of May twenty-fourth, I had already written the Royal Palm Hotel asking for two single rooms and a bath but I shall follow your advise and not take up these reservations in case you have better plans.

I expect to arrive Thursday, June fifth, as I have said, and if any change occurs, I will cable you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Fernando Ortiz
27 #160 esq. aL. Vedado
Habana
Cuba

30 May 1941

Dear Dr. Ortiz:

I have received the enclosed confirmation of my order for rooms at the Hotel Royal Palm. Will you please cancel if you think best or let it stand?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Fernando Ortiz
27 #160 esq. Al. Vedado
Habana
Cuba

FERNANDO ORTIZ
HABANA

CALLE L Y 27 - VEDADO
TELEFONO F-1044

June 9, 1941.

9-62-81

T. Dr. Du Bois:

It was not possible to arrange for today the appointment with the President of the University. He will be waiting for us tomorrow at eleven thirty, A. M. I'll pick you up at the Hotel at eleven o'clock.

Dr. Miguel A. Céspedes, President of the Club Atenas, will go to your Hotel this evening at nine thirty and take you to the Concert, that will be held at the same Club. No etiquette dress required. Dr. Céspedes will inform you about the interview with President Batista. Tomorrow, after our visit to the University, we will lunch with Dr. Dellundé.

If you need me today, please phone to M-9071.

7 July 1941

My dear Dr. Ortiz:

Miss Diggs and I returned safely from Cuba and for the last few days have been hard at work getting out the third quarter edition of PHYLON.

I wanted very much to see and talk with you before I left Cuba but I realized how very busy you were and I thought it would be perhaps the most thoughtful courtesy if I did not bother you at the time.

18-29-7

I want to say again how much I appreciate your thoughtful planning of my trip and how valuable it has been to my thought and experience. I am enthusiastic over the possibilities of the Caribbean despite the internal problems which I realize with you are very difficult at the present.

I had not only opportunity for thought and observation but one of the best vacations and periods ofrest that I have ever experienced. I come back with renewed vigor to attack the world problems of race and color. I shall want to write you again from time to time concerning my thoughts and plans and especially with regard to your valuable idea of a meeting in Havana of those interested in African culture. I shall hope to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Fernando Ortiz
27 $160 esq. aL. Vedado
Habana
Cuba

28 October 1941

18-29-8

My dear Dr. Ortiz:

I am still thinking of that meeting which you and I discussed on African culture in Cuba and allied subjects. I am not at all sure that I can attend but meantime will you let me know exactly when the meeting is going to take place and when your plans are settled I would suggest that you send a formal letter of invitation to President Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta University asking that representatives from the University be sent. You might suggest that Mr. Cook and myself know something of the plans and would be willing to attend. As I say I am afraid that the University will not undertake the matter but it is possible and I want to do everything possible to help in this very fine movement in which we both are so much interested.

Will you kindly give my best regards to your family and office and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Fernando Ortiz
27 #160 esq. AL. Vedado
Habana
Cuba

Social Mexico

18 November 1941

18-29-2

My dear Dr. Ortiz:

I am coming to Havana, November twenty-second to take part in the Platica called by the Conference of American National Committees on Intellectual Cooperation. Mr. William Berrien whose address will be the Hotel Sevilla Biltmore has charge of matters and he is going to make hotel reservations for me. You can get in touch with me through him.

I wonder if you have done anything about the African Culture meeting? I could stay in Havana about a week if necessary. It will be a great pleasure to see you again. I shall bring with me an English translation of your speech on Marti.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Fernando Ortiz
27 #160 esq. aL. Vedado
Habana
Cuba

Cuba

[1941]

18-39

Sinceros deseos de Felicidad
en las presentes Pascuas
y muchas prosperidades en el
Año Nuevo

Fernando Ortiz

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E. C. PETERS, PRESIDENT

February 21, 1941.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
PHYLON
The Atlanta University
Box 356
Atlanta, Georgia

18-27-38

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your very kind letter of February 18. In this letter you stated that it was your purpose to hold on April 17, 18, and 19 the FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE and TWENTY-FIFTH ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE at The Atlanta University, built around the general subject of THE ECONOMIC TRENDS OF AMERICAN NEGROES.

It may be that Mr. Fred Lynn Steely of our staff would be of assistance in a conference of this kind. Mr. Steely is unusually interested and very well informed on many of the Sociological and some of the economic questions concerning the Negro here in Augusta and, to a less extent, throughout the State.

Whether or not you may wish to use Mr. Steely, I do want to express my personal appreciation to you for your leadership in this cause. It is one in which I believe a group of splendid men under your leadership can render a very definite service.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

E C Peters

ECP:G

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E. C. PETERS, PRESIDENT

March 9, 1941.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
P H Y L O N
The Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-27-39

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

This will acknowledge receipt of your very kind letter of March 5.

I am delighted to hear of the very great interest manifested in the FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE and TWENTY-FIFTH ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE to be held at Atlanta University April 17, 18, and 19 on THE ECONOMIC CONDITION AND SOCIAL TRENDS OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO. This interest indicates a good attendance at the conference and a desire on the part of these men to cooperate with you in what should prove to be a most helpful project.

You may count upon Mr. Fred Lynn Steely and Mr. J. W. Brown of our staff attending the conference. Both of these men are deeply interested in the program--one from the social and one from the economic point of view. I believe that from the standpoint of their good and their ability to follow through a program that will be given, especially in their own teaching program, it will be better for these two men to attend than for one of them and myself to attend.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

E C Peters

ECP:G

Paine College,
Augusta, Georgia,
March 16, 1941.

97-14-81

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Box 366,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you for inviting me to join your small group in a discussion of economic problems confronting the Negro.

In reply to your questions concerning my study of these problems, I might mention a fifty-page summary of economic and social conditions in Augusta, Georgia, which I am just completing. For the past several years I have been actively engaged in helping educate members of the Negro community on the subject of coöperatives.

Looking forward to a stimulating meeting in April, I am

Most cordially yours,

Fred Lynn Steely

44-14-81

4 April 1941

My dear Mr. Steely:

I am very glad that you are coming to our conference and I hope you will bring your summary and even complete report of the economic and social condition of Negroes in Augusta, Georgia. Also we hope to assemble reports from all Negro cooperatives in the United States. Help us in this matter in any way you can.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Fred L. Steely
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Paine College,
Augusta, Georgia,
April 15, 1941.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

18-27-75

Thank you for the Phylon Institute program. You may depend upon my presence and participation.

I assume that you expect me to stay at one of the dormitories, but will ascertain details at the Registrar's Office upon my arrival on Thursday.

Most cordially yours,

Fred. Lynn Stelly

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E. C. PETERS, PRESIDENT

April 28, 1941.

Lectures Founding

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-23-5

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

For the past seven years we have conducted here at Paine College an Institute on Socio-Religious Affairs at the Thanksgiving week end. This conference is inter-racial in nature as well as in the men and women who make up the leadership of same. Emory University, especially the School of Religion, works with Paine College in promoting this conference. Some theme dealing with topics of interest to both white and Negro students constitutes the subject for each Institute.

The conference this next year will be conducted Friday night, November 29 through Sunday noon, November 30. The topics chosen by the planning committee will deal with problems of American Democracy, the exact wording of which has not been agreed upon.

The planning committee, consisting of teachers and students from Emory University and Paine College, would like very much to have you as one of the leaders in the conference next year. Some of the members of the committee recall with very deep appreciation your help some years ago in one of these conferences. It is their hope that you might again accept an invitation and open the conference on Friday night, November 28, 1941, using as your subject some of the essentials of democracy and evaluating it as a form of government. They would want you to speak again on Saturday morning, November 29, on another phase of this same topic. Full information regarding this whole matter will be sent you at a later time if you find it possible to accept this invitation.

I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to accept this invitation. I want to assure you that it will give me very much personal pleasure for you to come. You may be interested to know that Dr. H. P. Van Dusen of Union Seminary has agreed to come as the other general leader, speaking on Saturday night and giving the closing message on Sunday morning.

The conference has no means of providing honoraria for invited leaders. We do provide travel expenses and take care of their entertainment in Augusta. I hope, therefore, that you will find it possible to accept this invitation.

Cordially yours,

E C Peters

ECP:G

18-23-52

9 May 1941

My dear President Peters:

I have your kind invitation of April 22 to take part in your conference in November. I regret to say that I am not able to give any decision now. I am afraid it will not be possible even later. I have a great deal of work planned next year and will probably not be able to do any lecturing at all. However, if you are willing to wait and will remind me in September, I will see what I can do. I appreciate your kind invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President E. C. Peters
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

[PANTO]

Port au-Prince le 5 Mars 1941

Au

Docteur B. W. Du Bois

Dean West Virginia State College

West Virginia

18-35-56

Monsieur,

Renseignée par Monsieur Henri C. Rosemond, attaché du Consul d'Haïti à New York, sur votre position remarquable de Doyen du West Virginia State College, et autorisée par lui, j'ose vous adresser la présente pour solliciter de votre bienveillance l'obtention d'une bourse d'étude à l'Institut de Hampton.

Diplômée de l'Ecole Normale d'Institutrices d'Haïti, j'ai étudié durant quelques mois à l'Université de Rio-Piedras (Puerto-Rico). Je suis actuellement institutrice militante, et je désirerais

me familiariser avec les méthodes modernes d'Education en usage dans votre pays.

Dans l'espoir que ma demande trouvera bon accueil auprès de vous, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur, avec mes sincères remercîments, l'expression de mes salutations empressées.

Solange S. Pauyo

P.S.- Je vous saurai gré de me répondre à l'adresse ci-dessous.

Mlle Solange S. Pauyo
No 44 Rue Lafleur Duchêne
Port-au-Prince
Haïti

Solange S. Pauyo

18-35-57

Reply for information

7 July 1941

My dear Madam:

I am not connect with the West Virginia State College. I suggest that you write to:

President John W. Davis
West Virginia State College
Institute, West Virginia

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Melle. Solange S. Panyo
No. 44 Avenue Lafleur Duchene
Port-au-Prince
Haiti

[Parker]

Request for information

Tennessee A and I. State College
Nashville, Tennessee
December 26, 1941

Dr. W. E. B Du Bois,
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-44-1

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

I have read somewhere your article on the late R. R. Moton of Tuskegee and the one, a long one, dealing with the Negro in literature. Please indicate where I may find the two articles mentioned. I want the members of my class to read them.

Thank you for any assistance in locating the articles here referred to.

Respectfully yours,
John W. Parker

[Parrish, Charles]

7 April 1941

My dear Mr. Parrish:

Your name has been given us by the Dean of Municipal College. We are holding at Atlanta University, April 17, 18 and 19 the FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE and Twenty-Fifth Atlanta University conference. Our subject of study is the present economic condition and trends of the American Negro and we hope to initiate a series of studies and plans by which the economic survival of the American Negro will be guided by the best trained intelligence of our institutions. I hope you will be able to attend and that you will let us know what work has been done by you or others concerning the economic status of the Negro in Kentucky and any plans on foot.

We shall be glad to furnish board and lodging to those who attend the Institute.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles H. Parrish
Municipal College for Negroes
Louisville, Kentucky

(8-25-41)

7 July 1941

My dear Mr. Pelham:

I am interested in a revival of the American Negro Academy. I understand you were the last corresponding secretary. Will you kindly let me know the names of the living members of the Academy; when and where the last meeting was held, etc.? I shall be under great obligation. Also do you happen to have a copy of Cromwell's CHALLENGE OF THE DISFRANCHISED published in 1924? I have the first eight copies of the papers bound. Is there a list of the copies from the ninth to the twenty-fourth and are any of them available?

Very sincerdy yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Robert Pelham
153 T Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

60 Bank Street
New York, New York
December 1, 1941

Request for information

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-59-58

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

In one sense this may be merely another letter from one scholar to another, well within the punctilios of academic correspondence. I hope it may be more than that. I am a graduate student at Columbia University, working on my dissertation under Professor Merle Curti, in the History Department of the Faculty of Political Science. The dissertation is the immediate cause of this letter, but as one deeply concerned with the field of Negro history I have long been interested in your work and anxious to meet you.

American historiography has sadly neglected Negro history. I am convinced that this delinquency springs, basically, from a chauvinism, now open, now covert, which has deep roots in our society. As a white scholar, it seems to me imperative to ally myself with the now growing number of students who are reworking and reshaping the amorphous mountain that is passed off as history. As you point out in "Dusk of Dawn" it does not suffice to present the truth to destroy the old edifice. Yet a new and democratic scholarship, in line with the deep going popular forces now coming to life, is a part of that good fight which must be fought on many fronts. We need modern McMasters', armed with more searching analyses, with more trenchant pens, to reach a new public that can put to good use the buried ideas and traditions. Shorn of obscurantism, scholarship can take once again its rightful place. This credo may appear ingenuous to you. Yet how else can the gap be bridged in a letter? If I am going to presume so far as to make requests of you, then surely you will wish to take my measure in s ome way.

Specifically, the dissertation I propose to write will be on the changing ideas propounded by Negro intellectuals from 1890 to 1920, as to the place of the Negro in American society. Since I hope to mortise these ideas into a coherent social background and to construct an etiology, this is an audaciously grand canvas. It is a challenge. If it is worth the attempt, I may then hope that it is also worthy of guidance and help from a leader who necessarily would be one of its central figures.

My most acute problem now is one of materials. The manuscripts in the Schomburg Library, the files of the Guardian in Boston, the correspondence and materials in the archives of the N. A. A. C. P. headquarters in New York, and the manuscript materials of those philanthropists who helped to grease the wheels of the Tuskegee Machine, are available above and beyond the printed sources. I am communicating with the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, Incorporated, with Hampton Institute and with Tuskegee in the search for original materials, while I continue the hunt in New York. However, the project as

it now presents itself in outline, seems to hinge on the help which you may give me. Do you have pertinent original materials? Would you make available to me, when I come to Atlanta, your personal correspondence and manuscripts? Have you any suggestions as to materials, particularly any centralized collection of the early Negro press? I have in my possession a Du Bois bibliography, compiled by a research assistant here at Teachers College. May I send this to you for a check as to the available Du Bois imprints?

I am fully aware that you may hesitate to do this. The liberal posturings of a scholarship that changes little its latent race and class attitude could wilfully misuse friendly aid given in good faith. Furthermore, you may have questions as to my competence. Professor Curti offered to write a letter of introduction for me, but I wanted to approach you in as candid and informal a manner as possible. If you so desire, Professor Curti will send a belated introduction. If the proposed dissertation meets with your approval, you may wish to check my viewpoint and my qualifications by reading some of my work. My master's essay on labor and the Populist movement (you have indicated a concern for studying the real significance of Populism) could be forwarded to you if you are interested in reading it. Finally, will you be coming to New York this Christmas? If so, could a meeting be arranged?

This is all, perhaps, a little importunate. It is so only because the work is very, very necessary, and, as a young scholar, I must speak up for myself if I am to cope with it at all.

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Peterson

James H. Peterson

17 January 1941

My dear Mr. Roy:

The box and the key for the micro-films arrived safely. Thank you for sending them.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-35

Mr. L. A. Roy
Phelps Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
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[PHELPS STOKES FUND]

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
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January 24, 1941

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am asking Mr. Roy to send you our subscription for $100.00 to PHYLON, also to send you $100.00 on the Encyclopaedia of the Negro account, forwarding the other one hundred dollars on July first, unless you prefer it earlier.

I am very much interested in trying to get more groups of positions in the Army and in war industries open to Negroes, and am in consultation with others equally interested on the same subject. I hope that you may be able to accomplish something.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Copy for Mr. Roy

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[PHELPS STOKES FUND]

31 January 1941

My dear Mr. Stokes:

You will be glad to know that I am to review Warner's NEW HAVEN NEGROES for the American Historical Review. I am enclosing a letter from Kenneth Wiggins Porter of the Department of History of Vassar College. I think you will be greatly interested in this. I have written him accepted his biography of Abraham for publication in PHYLON. It will appear in April. I think his statement is further argument in favor of the need of our ENCYCLOPAEDIA of the Negro.

4-44-81

You will also be interested to know that I have been asked to lecture at New York University during the first semester of 1941-42 on race problems. I hope I shall beable to accept although it will involve some adjustment here.

I appreciate your letter of January 24 with regard to the subscription and the payment on the Encyclopaedia account. There are several matters on the Encyclopaedia program to which I shall give attention during the year. This will include the publication of at least six Negro biographies and also a number of interesting historical articles, for instance, the re-publication of R. R. Wright's NEGRO COMPANIONS OF THE SPANISH EXPLORERS with notes by Mr. Logan. Also the Carnegie Fund has give me a small grant to assemble here in April, 1941 and also in April 1942 a conference on the economic conditions of the Negroes in the United States, past, present and future. This will convene April 10, 11 and 12, 1941 and I am hoping to have the Englishman, Tracy Philipps of whom we spoke.

I have just been at Prairie View College in Texas meeting some federal agricultural experts and a large numbe of social workers in a "School of Philosophy". President Patterson of Tuskegee and Charles Johnson of Fisk were present. I am speaking at a convocation of the University of Minnesota in April.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University
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18-35

Dear Dr. DuBois:-

In accordance with correspondence from Dr. Stokes, I enclose herewith checks of the Phelps-Stokes Fund as follows:

Check #1149 - In payment of Appropriation #32 drawn to your order for $100.00 toward the expenses of publishing Negro Biographies in the new Atlanta University magazine PHYLON.

check #1155 - In payment of Appropriation #89 drawn to your order for $100.00 being the first payment on our $300.00 grant toward the expenses of the Atlanta Office on the Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

Very truly yours,

L. A. Roy

LAR:S.

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ANSON PHELPS STOKES
LENOX, MASSACHUSETTS

February 12, 1941

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am delighted to receive your letter of January 31st. I am particularly pleased at the opportunities that you are getting to address white universities.

I have found an English gentleman in this country who is as enthusiastic about the Encyclopaedia of the Negro as any one that I have ever met. I think it not unlikely that after the war he could help interest some English educational trust in our project.

I am very much concerned about the status of Negroes in national defense and have been in correspondence with leading people in Washington on the subject. I hope that there is something that we can do. Our Phelps-Stokes Fund is just arranging to have Mr. Nichols, a colored man who has proved so exceptionally efficient in New York housing matters, go with the Assistant Director of the Urban League to visit the leading industrial centers in this country in the hope of getting industrialists to take a more constructive point of view. Father La Farge has some very constructive ideas and I hope that something will come of them.

Always sincerely yours,

William Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Department of Sociology
Atlanta, Georgia

18-44-81

[PHELPS-STOKES FUND]

13 February 1941

9-44-81

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I received today a telegram from Mr. Embree, a copy of which I enclose and also my answer.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
101 Park Avenue
New York City

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YOUR LETTER. FEBRUARY THIRTEENTH JUST RECEIVED PHELPS STOKES FUND WILL GLADLY MEET YOUR TRAVELING EXPENSES TO CHICAGO TO CONSULT EMBREE AND ILLINOIS WRITERS PROJECT REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION ON ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE NEGRO ADVISE YOUR TELEGRAPHING HIM AND MAKING MUTUALLY SATI S FACTORY DATE=

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ANSON PHELPS STOKES
LENOX, MASSACHUSETTS

February 18, 1941

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I duly received yesterday morning your letter of February 13th and sent you the following Night Letter:

> Your letter February thirteenth just received Phelps Stokes Fund will gladly meet your travelling expenses to Chicago to consult Embree and Illinois Writers Project regarding possibility of cooperation on Encyclopaedia of the Negro Advise your telegraphing him and making mutually satisfactory date

It seems to me that this is an opportunity which we should follow up. Mr. Embree is an old friend and I should like to have him realize how much we appreciate his offer of possible cooperation.

I am leaving here on Sunday for a month in the South. You would best address me care of Phelps-Stokes Fund Office, 101 Park Avenue, New York City, marked "Please Forward."

Sincerely yours,
Anson Phelps Stokes
(Dictated by Dr. Stokes
but signed in his absence)

CC to Phelps-Stokes Fund
Mr. Embree

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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[PHELPS-STOKES FUND]

20 February 1941

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I have your telegram of February 15 and shall arrange to go to Chicago sometime early in March. Meantime I am corresponding with the persons interested. Arna Bontemps who seems to be the chief mover writes that "He and his associates report that they are sure something can be worked out whereby the various Writers' Projects can cooperate in the Encyclopedia, with the Illinois project taking a major part of the responsibility since it is the largest in the country, three times as large as that of New York State. At any rate, the Illinois State directors would appreciate the opportunity of discussing the matter with you". I shall lay before them the early efforts which I made in New York and your efforts in Washington. If you think of any data that I should have from your files, kindly have it sent to me.

8-44-81

My proposition as I see it now will be somethink like this: The final writing and arrangement of an Encyclopaedia must be in the hands of a trained scientific group but there is a great deal of very valuable work which could be preliminary to that and it would be an excellent thing if the Illinois Writers' Project would work on a series of articles, essays, and studies with the idea that they would eventually form the basis of the final articles as written for the Encyclopaedia. They would, of course, receive credit for any articles thus used and for any quotations.

I should be glad if you would let me know if this proposal would meet your approval.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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February 25, 1941

01-44-81

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:-

I have your important letter of February 20th. My position is substantially that presented in your letter. The editorial staff of the Negro Encyclopaedia must have final say on all matters, but preliminary work could be done by competent men under the Writers' Project that might be of great value to the Encyclopaedia.

I am leaving today for the South. My best address for a couple of weeks will be care of my sister, Mrs. Ransom S. Hooker, 54 Meeting Street, Charleston, S.C.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

APS:S

[PHELPS-STOKES FUND]

27 February 1941

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I am proposing to go to Chicago for a conference, March tenth. Mr. Embree seems interested and the WPA supervisor and they first proposed the conference. Then they suggested that perhaps the matter had better be referred to Washington but I wrote them asking that they hold the conference and let me put the matter before them; that we had already taken up the proposition with Washington. If after the matter had been laid before them they should want again to consult with Washington that would be all right. I told them that you would be coming through Washington from the South sometime in April and would be glad to follow-up any leads that they would suggest.

18-44-11

I am enclosing a copy of a note from a classmate of mine. Possibly I have sent it before but Weeks is an important scholar and I value his opinion. He was professor of French at Columbia, president of the Modern Language Association in 1922 and is retired on a Carnegie pension.

I hope you will have a pleasant vacation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
c/o Mrs. Ranson S. Hooker
54 Meeting Street
Charleston, South Carolina

A PROPOSED PLAN FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THE NEGRO AND THE WPA WRITERS' PROJECT

37-6-93

The Encyclopaedia of the Negro is in charge of a board of directors incorporated in the District of Columbia, May 10, 1932. This board has among other things assembled a list of two thousand possible subjects which an Encyclopaedia of the Negro might treat and a bibliography of all books and articles on the Negro from 1926 to 1936. Work's bibliography supplies the period before 1926.

I suggest that the Encyclopaedia appoint a board of consulting editors who should be at the service of the WPA in suggesting subjects and sources and in helping in the criticism of manuscripts. I suggest that all manuscripts prepared by the workers in the WPA be submitted, before their final form, to the criticism of this editorial board. I suggest that finally the manuscripts be brought together in one place, for instance, in the now unused Carnegie Library building of Atlanta University, either in published form or in manuscript.

It would be permissable, of course, for any manuscript to be published as a WPA enterprise. It would be possible to publish individual manuscripts in periodicals like PHYLON.

It would be the final plan to have the full board of editors of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro whenever the enterprise receives proper support to use the WPA material published and unpublished as the basis of its final articles. It being understood that if an article is used unchanged the WPA and the author will receive full credit. If it is used as a basis of a re-written article the WPA and the author would receive credit as source material.

10 March 1941

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14 March 1941

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14 March 1941

My dear Mr. Stokes:

In accordance with my correspondence with you, I went to Chicago and spent the day, March 10, in conference. Before going I had correspondence with Mr. Arna Bontemps, who is State Supervisor of the Negro Division of the Writers Project in the WPA of Illinois. He wrote me February 19, "About a month ago, remembering what you had told me about the present status of the Encyclopedia of the Negro, I asked Mr. Embree how he thought you and the others concerned would feel about employing the services of the Writers' Projects to help with the work. He was immediately impressed and suggested that perhaps this would reduce the over-all costs of the undertaking enough to bring it definitely within reach of agencies already interested in sponsoring the job. Accordingly, I wrote a short memorandum to Dr. MacDougall, Illinois state director. To this Mr. Embree added a letter of endorsement. Dr. MacDougall was so pleased that he added his letter to the others and carried the folder to Washington."

Later it was suggested that the matter be taken up in Washington but I sent Mr. MacDougall a complete file of our correspondence with the New York project and persons in Washington. I then heard from Mr. MacDougall, himself, February 26, who wrote "As Mr. Embree of the Rosenwald Fund has told you, I took up the matter of the Writers' project assistance on the Encyclopedia of the Negro during a recent trip to Washington. The recently appointed head of the Public Activities Program, Mr. Walter Kiplinger, is very much interested, and I believe that there is a better chance now than ever before to conduct this work on a nation-wide basis."

I arrived in Chicago at 7:18 a. m., March 10, and was met by Mr. Bontemps and one of the officials of the WPA. Another joined us at breakfast in the International House. We then went to Mr. MacDougall's headquarters of the WPA and talked further. Finally, we had lunch at the headquarters of the Rosenwald Fund and there joined us in conference Mr. Embree, Mr. Will Alexander of the Farm Security Board who is also a trustee of Atlanta University; Mr. MacDougall, state WPA director for Writers Projects; Mr. Bontemps and some members of Mr. MacDougall's staff, one the editor of WPA publications and the other a liason officer. We talked frankly and at length for an hour or two.

The final conclusions were as follows: 1. It would be wiser to start cooperation with the Illinois Writers Project because in Illinois the state, as sponsor, gives the Writers Project full sway without interference. There is a possibility of getting Washington interested but even Washington can do little with the state sponsors in the South since these are devoted to technical defense objects and interested in little more. On the other hand, the Illinois

project through correspondence can get cooperation in a large number of states. Louisiana has already promised.

2. The Illinois project under Mr. Bontemps stands ready to furnish twenty or more workers who can start this fall or perhaps earlier. He thinks that by correspondence with other states we may get as many as thirty or even fifty workers. This possibility depends, of course, upon the passage of pending legislation extending the support of the WPA but Mr. MacDougall and others have little doubt but what this legislation will go through and that the WPA in its essential present form will be continued for several years. In that case the project is willing and eager to cooperate with the Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

3. The Rosenwald Fund is willing to act as sponsor for the Illinois part of the project. Each project is required to have an official sponsor. In the case of the Rosenwald Fund, Mr. Embree promises office space, typewriting machines and other facilities on the present scale and even on a larger scale if needed. He is also willing to have the Fund referred to as sponsor in correspondence with other states but suggested in the latter case and in the matter of Illinois it would be better to couple with the Rosenwald Fund the Encyclopaedia of the Negro or the Phelps Stokes Fund and to have a nominal local office in order to give the Encyclopaedia, Illinois status. Finally, decision to do this would call for a vote of the Rosenwald board but Mr. Embree assured us there would be no difficulty in securing this.

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4. My proposal was that the Encyclopaedia of the Negro, if it could secure funds, should set up a consulting editorial board. This board would furnish the project in Illinois and elsewhere with selected topics for the writers, bibliographies and general directions as to the length and treatment of the articles. The actual writing, of course, would be done under the supervision of Mr. Bontemps and the officials of the Writers Project and any actual publication would be subject to censorship in Washington. On the other hand, the finished articles would be put at our disposal in published or unpublished form and thus form the basis upon which the editorial board of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro would proceed to organize and write the Encyclopaedia. The final form of all articles and the opinions expressed would be those of the editorial board; but the board on the other hand would give full credit to the work of the Writers Project and if they used any of the articles in substantially unchanged form the writer would receive credit.

5. Everything now depends upon the financing of this consulting editorial board. I have thought the thing over rather carefully night and day since returning from Chicago and have come to these conclusions: We need an appropriation under the following conditions, the appropriation to be made for one year and that only in case the WPA Writers Project is enabled by the passage of current legislation to enter into this cooperative effort. That the appropriation should be accompanied by promises of renewal so long as cooperation with the Writers Project is feasible but for a term not exceeding four years. If the cooperation can be kept up for four years, I calculate we will have in hand the complete basis for an Encyclopaedia of the Negro which an editorial board could then put into shape for publication at a cost very considerably less than that which we first estimated. In fact, I should think at a cost of less than one hundred thousand dollars.

6. The question is what sum would be absolutely necessary to start this cooperative project. I think that the lowest possible sum would be $2,500 and that the most effective sum would be $10,000. If we took a figure between these two, say $7,500, we could expend it as follows:

part salary of editor-in-chief	$2,600
salary of full time assistant	2,400
salary of secretary	1,800
travel and miscellaneous expense	700

If the sum could be raised to $10,000 a second full time assistant could be employed.

If on the other hand, only $5,000 could be available, the contribution to the editor's salary would have to be cut down, the full time assistant receive less compensation and the secretary perhaps be hired on part-time and the travel cut down.

I think it would be possible to begin the cooperation with a first year appropriation of $2,500, especially, if it should appear that the number of workers would not exceed twenty. In that case all employees would be on a part time basis. The difficulty, of course, in this case would be that of keeping the staff of actual writers properly supplied with subjects, bibliographical notes, help and criticism from time to time. In the case of a appropriation as small as $2,500, however, I am a little afraid that I and my staff might not be able to furnish sufficient material for the WPA workers without serious over-work; but this is not certain.

7. This proposal also assumes cooperation and help from Atlanta University. In order that I should undertake the editorial direction, I should have to have relief from practically all duties here except the editorship of PHYLON and perhaps the supervision of graduate theses in sociology and a certain number of scheduled lectures perhaps one or twice a month before seminars or larger bodies. Thus the University would have to be asked to release me from teaching and at the same time pay a considerable part of my salary. It would also be necessary to ask the University to furnish the use of a library building where the manuscripts could be collected and worked on and where editorial work could be done. It happens that we have such a building here at Atlanta University and it is not in use. I think the trustees might be induced to turn it over to us.

8. A last consideration comes in the matter of my age and ability to do the work. From present indications, I could do the work easily for one or two years, possibly I could see it through but of that I cannot be certain. If then it was organized on a four year basis, the possibility of my retirement from active work and the substitution of someone else would have to be taken into account.

I am laying this matter before you and asking what you think of it and what necessary steps are advisable? It is, of course, unnecessary to say that we will have to work rather fast as the project, if it is undertaken, must start early in the fall.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
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ANSON PHELPS STOKES
LENOX, MASSACHUSETTS

(from Wash., D. C.)

12-26-42

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I enclose copy of the telegram which I sent you yesterday. I also enclose copy of a letter that I have just written to Mr. Embree, whose cooperation I especially appreciate as it may mean much to us as the years pass.

I have been giving my time practically solidly for a couple of days to the question of the Negro in war industries, and am seeing Dr. Alexander about this this morning. I had a most important conference Tuesday with Tobias, Weaver, Jesse Jones, Nichols, and others in New York on this subject. I plan to be in New York on Thursday noon of next week, that is March 27th, and can be addressed at the office there.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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March 19 1941

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(from Wash., D.C.)

March 20, 1941

Mr. Edwin R. Embree
Rosenwald Foundation
Chicago, Illinois

18-36-44

Dear Mr. Embree:

I arrived here this week and found a most important letter from Dr. DuBois, telling me of your fine cooperation in connection with possible help to the Negro Encyclopaedia through the Illinois W.P.A. I am taking the matter up seriously in New York next week to see what can be done. If you have any suggestions I would appreciate hearing from you. I am also talking with Dr. Alexander today.

I want in the meantime to tell you that your interest in this project, which seems more important the more I think of it, is very deeply appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Anson Phelps Stokes

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March 20, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

In accordance with instructions from Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, I am sending to you herewith the Check of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, No. 7671, of this date, for Sixty-three & 70/100 Dollars ($63.70), refunding your travel expenses to Chicago, in accordance with your travel statement of March 14, 1941. This check is payable to your order.

Sincerely yours,

L. A. Roy.

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Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Logan:

On returning to New York a day or two ago, I found awaiting me at the office your important book entitled "The Diplomatic Relations of the United States with Haiti 1776-1891". I am particularly glad to have this and have no doubt but that you have done an admirable piece of work. I can see that the book is thoroughly annotated and the bibliography is impressive. Such studies are invaluable, and I am quite thrilled to have this book come out, as did one or two of Mr. Brawley's, under the imprint of the University of North Carolina Press. We are beginning to realize that scholarship knows no racial bounds and your own work has been an important contribution to the cause.

As you have probably heard from Dr. DuBois, the Encyclopedia of the Negro Project has received a possible new lease of life through the interest of the Negro Writers Project of the WPA in Illinois. I had an interview on the subject at the General Education Board today and have another at the Carnegie Board tomorrow. What can be done I am not quite sure, but I am not without hope that when the spring meeting of the Phelps-Stokes Fund comes on April 17th I may have something to present to make a beginning possible. I only wish our funds were not so restricted. The interest of Dr. Alexander and of Mr. Embree is heartening. I am enclosing herewith a copy of Dr. Alexander's letter and am sending Mr. Embree today an airmail special delivery letter asking for a statement from him that I can use with the Boards.

In the meantime I have been spending most of my time on the problem of the Negro in war industries and will send you and Dr. DuBois a statement on the subject before long.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

APS
RLH

Anson Phelps Stokes

[ENC.]

(Letterhead of)

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

Washington

Office of
The Administrator

March 21, 1941

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Stokes:

As you know, I have long been interested in the proposed Encyclopedia of the Negro and have regretted that it has not been possible for the preparation of this work to go forward more rapidly.

I was in Chicago last week and had luncheon with Dr. DuBois, Embree and representatives of the Illinois WPA Writers Project. The purpose of the luncheon was to discuss the possibility of the Illinois Writers Project cooperating in the development of materials for the encyclopedia. The WPA representatives were most sympathetic with the suggestion and seemed to feel that something could be worked out. The Rosenwald Fund agreed that if a plan could be developed, they would be willing to furnish space and otherwise encourage the enterprise with the understanding, of course, that they could not put any funds into it. Dr. DuBois and all of us were encouraged by the attitude of the WPA authorities and he is working with them to develop further the plans discussed at the luncheon.

I knew that you would be interested in this and that you join me in the hope that we may find here real progress in the development of the encyclopedia.

With high regards, I am

Sincerely,

(Signed) Will W. Alexander
Assistant to the Administrator

[PHELPS-STOKES FUND]

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
LENOX, MASSACHUSETTS

April 3, 1941

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have had talks this week both at the General Education Board and the Carnegie people regarding the WPA project, and I have promised to prepare a further memorandum on the subject.

18-44-16

Your letter of March the 14th was exceptionally clear and good and will prove invaluable. I must, however, have it supplemented by a specific statement from Mr. Embree, to whom I have written, and also, if possible, by a statement from the WPA.

I have dictated a letter to Mr. Bontemps which may or may not seem to you appropriate. If you prefer to write to him yourself to try to get him to write a letter directly to me covering these and similar matters, it would be very satisfactory, for it would make the thing look a little more like a definite proposal if we have something direct over the WPA letterhead.

The Carnegie matter is somewhat complicated by the fact that Mr. Myrdal has just returned from Sweden and will require considerable additional appropriations to put the results of his survey in form for publication. He plans to devote his entire time to this matter in the near future.

I plan also to take the matter up with the Harmon Fund, whose secretary I know well. It is a foundation that has shown much interest in the past in the problems of development connected with the American Negro.

I am enclosing for your confidential information a copy of the statement which some of us are soon to issue. I hope that you will like it. To put it before influential people is taking much of time just now, and I have to go to Columbus next week to take Good Friday and Easter services for my son, who, as you know, is a clergyman.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Always sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Enc.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[ENC.]

COPY

for Dr. Du Bois

A.P.S.

Lenox, Massachusetts

April 4, 1941

61-44-81

My dear Mr. Bontemps:

I was very much interested on my return from the South about two weeks ago to find a most important letter from our mutual friend, Dr. Du Bois, telling of the interview which he has had with you regarding the possibility of assistance from the Negro Division of the Writers Project in the Illinois WPA for our proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

This Encyclopaedia has long seemed to me to be a matter of vital importance to give fair and scholarly information regarding all phases of Negro life in form easy for reference. We had the matter considerably advanced when the depression came up and since then, both because of the depression and the international situation, we have merely been marking time, the Phelps-Stokes Fund contributing small amounts to enable Dr. Du Bois to maintain his work and to secure occasional advice and cooperation from his Associate Editor, Professor Guy Johnson of the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Du Bois' interview with you and Mr. Embree and Dr. Alexander in Chicago seems to give hope of the possibility of reviving the project through your WPA providing competent writers who could prepare articles of the necessary length and character to be available for the Editors of the Encyclopaedia when they are ready to publish their volumes.

I would greatly appreciate a letter from you telling in your own way, and as definitely as possible, what you would recommend to those responsible for the Illinois project in case the Phelps-Stokes Fund, the Rosenwald Fund, and other groups, could cooperate. I would like to have the number of trained workers that you think would be available, the degree to which it would be possible for Dr. Du Bois or other representatives of the Encyclopaedia to supervise their work, the financial arrangement, the placing of the material assembled at the disposal of the Editors, and so on.

I should add that Dr. Du Bois has himself written me a most admirable letter covering his understanding of most of these matters, but it would be helpful in dealing with certain Foundations to have also a specific letter from you.

Sincerely hoping that some cooperation may be worked out which would help educated colored men in your community and provide material of great future service to the Encyclopedia, I am, with great respect,

Very truly yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Mr. Arna Bontemps

P.S. I think that it would be a particularly happy circumstance if this work could be started while Dr. Du Bois, with his vast knowledge and leadership in this field, could give the matter personal direction. This is why I am so anxious, if possible, to make the necessary arrangements. It will help me in dealing with two or three foundations if I can have the proposed statement from you.

OC-44-81

[enc] in Dr. DuBois' letter of
Confidential
(Until Signers are informed
that statement is released)

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND NEGRO AMERICANS

Statement of Committee on Status of Negro Americans
in War Industries as adopted March 29, 1941

Justice for Negro Americans in the program for National Defense is a searching test of American democracy. Our concern for democracy in Europe or elsewhere lacks reality and sincerity if our plans and policies disregard the rights of minorities in our own country. The guarantee of such rights is established by our historic national charters of freedom and government as applicable to all our people without regard to race, color or creed.

It seems especially important to observe these in letter and spirit in our national industrial defense program in a year when we have voted with overwhelming public support to make our country a great "arsenal" for the democracies and when we celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the ratification of the Bill of Rights. We can urge this with the more assurance because there are notable cases, both North and South, where Negro mechanics and artisans have been long employed in certain industries and projects with satisfaction to all concerned.

Negro Americans favor all suitable tests of fitness for any given job, but naturally and rightly oppose those based on race. Evidences are increasing of the exclusion of their skilled workers from certain defense industries and of the frequent refusal to admit qualified Negro students into training and apprenticeship programs. Among the many illustrations of such discrimination are the following:

That some corporations of national importance receiving large government contracts have shown themselves unwilling to employ skilled Negro workers or have consented to take on so few as scarcely to affect the general situation.

That in spite of a few creditable exceptions, companies manufacturing aircraft, automobiles, and gasoline motors are among those where such conditions prevail.

That, despite the excellent record of colored men in shipbuilding during the last World War and the encouraging experience in some Navy Yards and private shipbuilding plants today, there are companies with defense shipping contracts which either restrict Negro workers, other than common laborers, to semi-skilled jobs or refuse their employment altogether.

That many of the leading industrial employers in different parts of the country will not approve the training of Negroes in defense classes even when these are financed by the Federal Government.

That there are cities in widely separated states such as California, Alabama, Tennessee, Indiana, New Jersey and Connecticut where Negroes are scarcely receiving any opportunities to obtain the training needed to supplement the existing group of skilled mechanics. The fact that they are not being employed in certain industries except as common laborers is used as a basis for restriction in training opportunities for them, while lack of such training will probably be used to justify failure to employ more Negroes.

No thinking person can fail to realize the loss to the cause of national defense through such conditions involving the Negro tenth of our population, and their harmful effect upon the character and attitudes of Negro Americans who are eager to give concrete expression to their patriotism. Frustration, destruction of morale, and the opening of the doors for subversive agitators opposed to the American way of life, will be almost inevitable consequences.

The extent of these discriminations; their basic causes; the relative degree of responsibility for them of management, labor and the public; and the best way of meeting them deserve prompt, thorough and impartial investigation.

In so far as ignorance and race prejudice are responsible for determining our attitude toward any American citizen in the present emergency, to that degree do we uproot the moral bases of our American civilization and make way for the totalitarian scheme of life. Dictatorship aims to dominate the world by force, and to condemn certain racial groups permanently to subservient and inferior status. If we oppose Axis doctrines we must, to be consistent, oppose all race prejudice at home.

Nor is it a question of the injury to the Negro alone; it is also a question of the harm done to the nation's unity and morale and its reputation abroad by an unjust attitude toward any group in our population. There has been some progress in recent years but if race prejudice is given a new foothold under existing world conditions it is bound to spread and poison the entire body politic.

The country's immediate needs demand the cooperation of all willing, loyal and competent workers. Similar cooperation will be needed in the work of reconstruction. Those, therefore, who raise unjust barriers at this critical period are responsible for obstructing the national defense and welfare.

This is no time for Americans to compromise whth race prejudice and its attendant discriminations in industrial defense programs, whether public or private. It is destructive of those basic essentials of civilization—political, economic, cultural, educational, religious--which the ages have built upon the concept of the dignity and destiny of the human person. We maintain, therefore, that the time has come for the lasting repudiation of race prejudice as an influence in determining the policies of the nation. The Brotherhood of Man—based on the Fatherhood of God—is no mere adornment of a democratic society. It is accepted by religious and patriotic groups as fundamental. It should involve an impartial and inflexible justice practiced and experienced by all.

We commend this statement to the thoughtful consideration of the American people, and more particularly of leaders in government, industry, labor and the organs of public opinion.

Address of Committee:
c/o Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York City

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ANSON PHELPS STOKES
LENOX, MASSACHUSETTS

April 3, 1941

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am sure that you won't mind my writing to you about one matter related to the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project. It is the statement of one of the pages of the PHYLON regarding Major Moton. I do not have it before me, but it was called to my attention the other day by a Southern friend who knew and respected Dr. Moton. It is to the effect that Dr. Moton secured, after some difficulty, election of his son-in-law as his successor. The implication is definitely of undue influence in securing the election of a relative to the important position of President of Tuskegee Institute. As a matter of fact, as I happen to know, the candidacy of Dr. Patterson was urged both by outside friends of Tuskegee and by other members of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Moton played no part in it that was open to any criticism.

81-44-81

Furthermore, I think you will agree with me that the Trustees made an extraordinarily wise choice. To find a Southern Negro who was a Doctor of Philosophy at a great Northern university, who knew Tuskegee thoroughly and was a man of judgment, was extraordinarily fortunate. It happens also that his wife, whom I remember well as a girl, is an exceptionally fine woman and her long knowledge of Tuskegee and its traditions have been of great service to him.

If this statement was in the proof of the article which you sent me and I did not call it to your attention I am myself partly to blame, for it is the type of thing which will cause criticism of our Encyclopaedia of the Negro project in some sources.

I am wondering whether there is any way in which this flaw in the biographical sketch, which was on the whole excellent, can be withdrawn or corrected. This is of course a matter for you to decide, but I should personally think that the wise thing would be for you in the next issue of PHYLON to have under Addenda Corrigenda a brief statement to the effect that the author of the article on Major Moton in the last issue requests that the last line on page ----should be deleted. Another possibility would be for you, if you conscientiously can, to state that the line referred to be deleted and its place taken by some such statement as the following:

> Major Moton was naturally much pleased when the Trustees selected the Professor of Agriculture at the Institute, Dr. F. D. Patterson, his son-in-law, as his successor, as he was a man by common consent well qualified to carry on the leadership at Tuskegee.

I am sure that you will not misunderstand my bringing this matter to your attention for such statement as you may think suitable under the circumstances. As it stands it does, I think, an injustice to a man whom you have rightly called "a good and great man," or words to that effect.

Very sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

[PHELPS-STOKES FUND]

7 April 1941

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I am sending the letter which you enclosed to me to Mr. Bontemps together with a covering letter of my own and a copy of the first two pages of my letter to you March 14. I am asking him to communicate with you at his earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
Lenox, Massachusetts

(PHELPS-STOKES FUND)

9 April 1941

12-44-81

My dear Mr. Stokes:

One or two other persons have spoken about that statement in PHYLON concerning Dr. Moton and Mr. Patterson. Personally, I meant nothing derogatory when I put it in. I did believe that Dr. Moton worked hard to have Mr. Patterson named but on the other hand I ~~thought~~ he was perfectly justified in doing it and that Mr. Patterson was by far the best candidate for the job. Since then my judgment has been confired after visiting him and knowing him better and Mrs. Patterson is making a very successful hostess. I should be very glad in some future number of PHYLON to make some such statement as you suggest. This cannot be done for the next issue of PHYLON as it is already in press but it can be done in July.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
Lenox, Massachusetts

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18-36-45

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Both the Carnegie and the General Education Boards have encouraged me to prepare a memorandum on the new Chicago developments in connection with our Encyclopedia Project. They have, of course, not committed themselves further than reconsideration of the matter.

I have prepared the enclosed memorandum. Please pardon me for sending it in this form without having it copied but the office is full up with work not only because we have the spring meeting of the Phelps-Stokes Fund next week, Wednesday, but because I have been giving most of my time to the matter of the Negro skilled mechanic in war industries about which I wrote to you.

Will you please go over the enclosed memorandum carefully, making any additions or changes that you think important, then send it on to Professor Johnson at the University of North Carolina, with the request that he return it to me here. I want to be sure to have it when I get back from Columbus next ~~Tuesday~~ Wednesday. I am sending it on to you by air mail.

Very sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

APS
RLH

Copy to Professor Guy B. Johnson

You would both best use Special delivery, and air mail if it will help.

[PHELPS-STOKES FUND]

11 April 1941

My dear Mr. Stokes:

18-14-22

Your letter of April 10 was received this morning at 8:30 and sent by air mail special to Mr. Johnson at 9:30. It quite meets my approval. I note one question: where you asking of the two funds four thousand dollars each or four thousand jointly? I hope you meant the first.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
Lenox
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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I want to thank you and Professor Johnson very much for your promptness in returning my memorandum on the proposed plan to advance the Encyclopedia of the Negro Project. I found it awaiting me on my return from Columbus, Ohio, this morning with the signatures of approval of both you and Dr. Johnson. Unless you let me know to the contrary, I will put a footnote on page 3, referring to the phrase in your original letter to the effect that "the actual wording, of course, will be done under the supervision of Mr. Bontemps and the officials of the Writers Project and any actual publication would be subject to the censorship in Washington." If you have no objection I would add as a footnote, "Dr. DuBois has since informed me that he thinks the word "approval" might well be substituted." I was afraid that the word "censorship" might put the Boards off the track. On the other hand I did not feel justified in changing it entirely as it was in your originial letter which one or two of them have seen.

111-5-11

Again many thanks for your fine cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes.

APS
RLH

I will assume that this is O.K. unless I hear from you to the contrary Wednesday.

[PHELPS-STOKES FUND]

April 17, 1941

Mr. Arna Bontemps
Illinois Writers' Project
Care of Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bontemps:

I am greatly obliged to you for your important letter of April 15th. I am immediately preparing a memorandum for the consideration of the Foundations. The Phelps-Stokes Fund voted yesterday to contribute a small amount annually for four years, provided we can get the needed additional help from outside. I shall send you a copy of my memorandum in a few days.

It looks to me encouraging but I cannot predict how successful we shall be in securing some financial support. At any rate we appreciate to the full what you, Mr. MacDougall and Mr. Embree have proposed and will do all in our power to make the cooperation along the lines worked out by you and Dr. DuBois possible.

Very sincerely yours,

APS
MLH

18-36

Ltr for Dr. Du Bois

A.P.J.

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April 24, 1941

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia

18-36-40

My dear President Clement:-

I do not know to what extent Professor Du Bois has talked with you about a possible plan for advancing the Encyclopedia of the Negro project through cooperation in securing preliminary material with the aid of the efficient Negro Writers' Project in Illinois.

I telegraphed him in Atlanta a few days ago asking him to confer with you in the hope that I could have your endorsement of the plan as far as Professor Du Bois is concerned, but I have had a reply from him from Minnesota stating that he is away and that the Trustees are meeting this week. I have consequently conferred with Mr. Dean Sage here and he thought that the best thing for me to do was to send the documents down so that you and Mr. Arnett might have an opportunity to go over them prior to the meeting of the Board.

I enclose herewith a memorandum dated April 19th which I have prepared for the consideration of the Carnegie Corporation and the General Education Board. This gives all of the important documents in the case including the correspondence with Mr. Embree, the Director of the Rosenwald Fund, with Dr. W. W. Alexander, the Associate Director of that Fund, with Mr. MacDougall, the State Supervisor of the Illinois Writers' Project, with Mr. Arna Bontemps, the Supervisor of Negro Studies of that project, and with Dr. Du Bois. I am also enclosing copy of unsolicited letter received this morning from Dr. W. W. Alexander showing his deep interest in the project.

To carry the plan through it would be necessary, as you will notice on page 5, that "This proposal also assumes cooperation and help from Atlanta University". Note that through a slip on my part Dr. Du Bois' full statement on this proposed cooperation, contained in his letter of March 14th, was not included in my memorandum. His full statement reads as follows:

"This proposal also assumes cooperation and help from Atlanta University. In order that I should undertake the editorial direction, I should have to have relief from practically all duties here except the editorship of PHYLON and perhaps the supervision of graduate theses in sociology and a certain number of scheduled lectures perhpas one or tow a month before seminars or larger bodies. Thus the University would have to be asked to release me from teaching and at the same time pay a considerable part of my salary. It would also be necessary to ask the University to furnish the use of a library building where the manuscripts could be collected and worked on and where editorial work could be

done. It happens that we have such a building here at Atlanta University and it is not in use. I think the Trustees might be induced to turn it over to us."

I realize that this involves asking a good deal from Atlanta University but the project is such an important one and this seems like such a good opportunity to advance it that we feel bold to make this request of you, believing the connection of Atlanta University with Dr. Du Bois would mean much to it.

I realize that it is difficult with Dr. Du Bois in Minnesota, you in Atlanta and with me as Chairman of the Encyclopedia of the Negro Board in New York, to decide on details in a satisfactory way. I am hoping, however, that the Board may approve of cooperation in some such way as indicated by Dr. Du Bois in principle, leaving perhaps to you or to some member of your Board the adjustment of all details in case the remainder of the plan can be satisfactorily worked out.

18-36-41

I am sending copies of this letter both to Dr. Du Bois and to Mr. Sage for their information.

I am, with great respect,

Very sincerely yours,

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Copy for Professor Du Bois a.D.

MEMORANDUM ON A PROPOSED PLAN TO ADVANCE

THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE NEGRO PROJECT

April 19, 1941

An entirely new proposal with evidence of considerable cooperation has recently been brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees of the Encyclopedia of the Negro. It comes as the result of the interest in the project of Mr. Edwin R. Embree, the head of the Rosenwald Fund, and of Dr. W. W. Alexander, formerly head of the Interracial Commission in Atlanta. The proposal seems to offer a remarkable opportunity to advance substantially the Encyclopedia project at a relatively slight cost through Government cooperation, and thereby to reduce greatly the ultimate cost of the finished work. The plan can be made clear by a preliminary statement followed by quotations from certain reports.

1. Preliminary General Statement

A conference was held March 10th at the headquarters of the Rosenwald Fund by Professor DuBois, whose expenses for the Chicago visit were met by the Phelps-Stokes Fund for this purpose, with Dr. Embree, Dr. Alexander, Mr. MacDougall, State WPA Director of the Writers Project in Illinois, and Mr. Arna Bontemps, the well-known Negro author and former Rosenwald Fellow, who has charge of the Negro writers in this project, which, I understand, is contemplating among other things a work on the "Negro in Illinois", similar to the excellent volume recently published on the "Negro in Virginia", also a Writers' Project. The essential features of the plan are that, if limited financial cooperation can be secured from outside, the Rosenwald Fund would provide local sponsorship, office space and typewriters; the Government would provide suitably educated Negroes to prepare certain articles to be selected by the editors, of a length and character that they would specify, these articles to be handed over to the Encyclopedia's Editorial Board for such use as could properly be made of them in the final preparation of the material; and Atlanta University would release Professor

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DuBois from most of his duties, continue part-time salary, and provide certain facilities. The following letters give the essential facts:

1. Extracts from a letter from Professor W.E.B. DuBois of Atlanta University to Dr. Stokes under date of March 14, 1941.

"It would be wiser to start cooperation with the Illinois Writers Project because in Illinois the state, as sponsor, gives the Writers Project full sway without interference. There is a possibility of getting Washington interested but even Washington can do little with the state sponsors in the South since these are devoted to technical defense objects and interested in little more. On the other hand, the Illinois project through correspondence can get cooperation in a large number of states. Louisiana has already promised.

"The Illinois project under Mr. Bontemps stands ready to furnish twenty or more workers who can start this fall or perhaps earlier. He thinks that by correspondence with other states we may get as many as thirty or even fifty workers. This possibility depends, of course, upon the passage of pending legislation extending the support of the WPA, but Mr. MacDougall and others have little doubt but that this legislation will go through and that the WPA in its essential present form will be continued for several years. In that case the project is willing and eager to cooperate with the Encyclopedia of the Negro.

"The Rosenwald Fund is willing to act as sponsor for the Illinois part of the project. Each project is required to have an official sponsor. In the case of the Rosenwald Fund, Mr. Embree promises office space, typewriting machines and other facilities on the present scale and even on a larger scale if needed. He is also willing to have the Fund referred to as sponsor in correspondence with other states but suggested in the latter case and in the matter of Illinois it would be better to couple with the Rosenwald Fund, the Encyclopedia of the Negro or the Phelps-Stokes Fund and to have a nominal local office in order to give the Encyclopedia Illinois status. Finally, decision to do this would call for a vote of the Rosenwald Board but Mr. Embree assured us there would be no difficulty in securing this.

"My proposal was that the Encyclopedia of the Negro, if it could secure funds, should set up a consulting editorial board. This board would furnish the project in Illinois and elsewhere with selected topics for the writers, bibliographies and general directions as to the length and treatment of the articles. The actual writing, of course, would be done under the supervision of Mr. Bontemps and the officials of the Writers Project and any actual publication would be subject to [preliminary] censorship* in Washington. On the other hand, the finished articles would be put at our disposal in published or unpublished form and thus form the basis upon which the editorial board of the Encyclopedia of the Negro would proceed to organize and write the Encyclopedia. The final form of all articles and the opinions expressed would be those of the editorial board; but the board on the other hand would give full credit to the work of the Writers Project and if they used any of the articles in substantially unchanged form the writer would receive credit."

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Footnote. *This, of course, involves no censorship of the ultimate work of the Encyclopedia editors, but merely the approval by the Writers Project of the works handed over for their use. A. F. S.

See V (1) below.

2. Extracts from a letter from Mr. Embree, President of the Rosenwald Fund, to Dr. Stokes under date of April 2, 1941:

"I think the report of our interest and possible help in the Negro Encyclopedia proposal is accurately given in the memoranda which you enclosed with your letter. I was willing to use my good offices to try to make possible cooperation between the editors and sponsors of the Negro Encyclopedia and the various officers and workers of the WPA Writers' Project. I think the bringing about of this cooperation is apt to be the greatest of the services of this group. I must make it very clear (a) that I see no likelihood of the Julius Rosenwald Fund making an appropriation specifically for this project and (b) that I personally cannot assume any responsibility for directing or serving as consultant. We are, however, quite willing to continue and enlarge the scope of our sponsorship of the Negro division of the Illinois Writers' Project. This sponsorship involves (a) moral support, (b) the lending of space--a maximum of four small offices on the third floor of our building, and (c) providing necessary equipment in the form of typewriters, desks, tables and the background of a going office organization. Of course my associates and I are willing to give incidental advice and consultation. The point that I think should be clear in all our minds is that with our other responsibilities, including out-of-town engagements which are frequent, we cannot assume any major responsibilities in that connection.

"I hope that with this support--chiefly moral--and with the facilities and equipment that we are prepared to provide, we may be of help in making possible what promises to be a fruitful union of the Negro Encyclopedia and the Writers' Project."

3. Dr. Alexander's opinion of the proposal, expressed in his letter of March 21, 1941, to Dr. Stokes:

"As you know, I have long been interested in the proposed Encyclopedia of the Negro and have regretted that it has not been possible for the preparation of this work to go forward more rapidly.

"I was in Chicago last week and had luncheon with Dr. DuBois, Embree, and representatives of the Illinois WPA Writers Project. The purpose of the luncheon was to discuss the possibility of the Illinois Writers Project cooperating in the development of materials for the encyclopedia. The WPA representatives were most sympathetic with the suggestion and seemed to feel that something could be worked out. The Rosenwald Fund agreed that if a plan could be developed, they would be willing to furnish space and otherwise encourage the enterprise with the understanding, of course, that they could not put any funds into it. Dr. DuBois and all of us were encouraged by the attitude of the WPA authorities and he is working with them to develop further the plans discussed at the luncheon.

"I know that you would be interested in this and that you join me in the hope that we may find real progress in the development of the encyclopedia."

4. Statement from the Supervisor of the WPA Project in Illinois.

The following letter to Dr. Stokes under date of April 18, 1941, from the Illinois Writers Project shows their understanding of the proposal:

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"Mr. Arna Bontemps supervisor of Negro studies for the Illinois Writers' Project, has shown me copies of the letters which you have received from Dr. Du Bois and himself regarding the proposed Negro Encyclopedia. I can add only a word to say that Dr. Du Bois and Mr. Bontemps have described the situation accurately and completely. The Illinois Writers' Project is willing and eager to undertake this assignment. I hope that it will be possible for us to do so.

(Signed) Curtis D. MacDougall

Curtis D. MacDougall
State Supervisor
Illinois Writers' Project"

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5. Statements from Mr. Bontemps in charge of Negro Writers in Illinois Project.

(1) Letter under date of April 18th:

"I failed to touch on the most important paragraph of your letter when I wrote two days ago. You asked me to tell in my own way what I would recommend in case all interested parties find it possible to cooperate on the Encyclopedia of the Negro, and the only thought I have to add to Dr. Du Bois' proposals is a completely personal and informal suggestion which I would rather put in a separate letter.

"For the sake of proper liason between the consulting editorial board of the Encyclopedia and the twenty-five Writers' Project people which Illinois is ready to provide and to make sure of continued air-tight cooperation between both groups, I would suggest that a member of the consultation board be place in personal charge of the work in the Rosenwald headquarters. There is a local precedent for such an arrangement in WPA. Moreover I feel that by removing the supervisor in charge of this enterprise from the vast, time-consuming details of WPA routine the Encyclopedia would gain a great deal. Also, it would become possible for this individual to spend time with the editor-in-chief and others in the consultation sessions. He would be in a position to negotiate for the services of workers on other state projects, without violating WPA regulations.

"The number of trained workers available for this work will fluctuate slightly with the rise and fall of WPA employment in general, but it appears now that we can be assured of between twenty and twenty five. This does not include typists. Usually all of the project's typing is sent to a central pool. It may be found useful and possible to secure a body of typists who will devote themselves strictly to the work of the Encyclopedia. This would substantially increase our number of workers.

"The question of supervising the work of these people should offer no serious difficulties. Dr. Du Bois or other representatives of the Encyclopedia, as representatives of the sponsor, would be making a

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contribution to WPA by supervising such work - the more the supervision, the more the contribution. The assembled matter will, of course, all be placed at the disposal of the editors.

"Let me summarize by giving a brief picture of the unit as I would visualize it in operation. The headquarters on the third floor of the Rosenwald Fund building would be designated as an office of the Encyclopedia of the Negro. It would be in charge of one of the assistant editors. This assistant editor (responsible only to the Encyclopedia), in addition to his work on the consultation board, would be assigned to personally supervise the whole effort of the Illinois Writers' Project in connection with the Encyclopedia. He would have perhaps two sub-lieutenants designated by the Writers' Project from their supervisory personnel. These might also occupy desks in the rooms provided by the Fund. If it is possible to provide the assistant editor in charge of this unit with a secretary who will not be subject to the eighteen-month tenure of WPA, I should think an advantage would be gained for the Encyclopedia - assuming that we will actually see this undertaking through to its conclusion four years hence - but that is a minor point. All assignments of work would originate with the consultation board of the Encyclopedia. They would be passed along to the workers of the unit via the assitant editor and the two WPA supervisors. Time cards and such details would be handled exclusively by the WPA supervisors, but the assistant editor would be the final power in all editorial matters. This assistant editor would enjoy a very favorable position with regard to the Writers' Project too, for he would be the representative of the sponsor - a most important individual in any WPA enterprise.

"Added to my approval of all Dr. Du Bois' proposals to you, this about tells the story from my point of view. We can go to work whenever you are ready."

(2) Letter under date of April 15th:

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"Your letter was relayed to us by Dr. Du Bois with the suggestion that I ask Dr. Curtis D. MacDougall, our State Director, to append a countersign to my reply to you. I have had a conference with Dr. MacDougall on the matter and can now say with his approval that Dr. Du Bois has stated the position of the project very well indeed in his letter of March 14, 1941. Only one small item needs to be clarified. In the first paragraph of his conclusions Dr. Du Bois says, "On the other hand, the Illinois project through correspondence can get cooperation in a large number of states." As a matter of fact, this correspondence would properly be done by the sponsor, if operations are to be simplified as much as possible. With this exception then the Illinois Writers' Project is in a position to render all the services indicated by Dr. Du Bois in his lengthy and detailed letter to you.

"I am hoping that this will enable you to proceed with plans for the Encyclopedia of the Negro."

Anna Rontempo
Illinois Writers Project
% Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

6. Proposed Financing

Professor DuBois contributes the following financial proposals:

"Everything now depends upon the financing of this consulting editorial board. I have thought the thing over rather carefully night and day since returning from Chicago and have come to these conclusions: We need an appropriation under the following conditions: The appropriation to be made for one year and that only in case the WPA Writers Project is enabled by the passage of current legislation to enter into this cooperative effort. That the appropriation should be accompanied by promises of renewal so long as cooperation with the Writers Project is feasible but for a term not exceeding four years. If the cooperation can be kept up for four years, I calculate we will have in hand the complete basis for an Encyclopedia of the Negro which an editorial board could then put into shape for publication at a cost very considerably less than that which we first estimated; in fact, I should think at a cost of less than one hundred thousand dollars.

"The question is what sum would be absolutely necessary to start this cooperative project. I think that the lowest possible sum would be $2,500 and that the most effective sum would be $10,000. If we took a figure between these two, say $7,500, we could expend it as follows:

Part salary of editor-in chief.....	$2,600
Salary of full time assistant.....	2,400
Salary of Secretary.....	1,800
Travel and miscellaneous expenses...	700

If the sum could be raised to $10,000, a second full time assistant could be employed.

"If on the other hand, only $5,000 could be available, the contribution to the editor's salary would have to be cut down, the full time assistant receive less compensation and the secretary perhaps be hired on part-time and the travel cut down."

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"I think it would be possible to begin the cooperation with a first year appropriation of $2,500, especially if it could appear that the number of workers would not exceed twenty. In that case all employees would be on a part time basis. The difficulty, of course, in this case would be that of keeping the staff of actual writers properly supplied with subjects, bibliographical notes, help and criticism from time to time. In the case of an appropriation as small as $2,500, however, I am a little afraid that I and my staff might not be able to furnish sufficient material for the WPA workers without serious over-work; but this is not certain.

"This proposal also assumes cooperation and help from Atlanta University."

7. Advantages of the plan.

The plan has these advantages:

a. That it will save the Encyclopedia of the Negro probably at least one-half of its estimated total cost of $266,600, if, as is believed, the project can be carried on with approximately twenty competent workers for four years.

b. It would enormously advance the preparation of the material and permit the Board to make use of the services of Dr. DuBois while he is still vigorous

c. It would provide a sympathetic base for this preliminary work in the Rosenwald Fund office in Chicago, a city whose university and library facilities and large number of university trained Negroes should prove invaluable.

d. It would enable any Foundation that was interested to make a subscription either directly to the Encyclopedia of the Negro or to the Phelps-Stokes Fund for the purpose indicated, which is not the final editing of the Encyclopedia, but the gathering of material which should prove invaluable to the editors, Dr. DuBois and Professor Guy Johnson, of the University of North Carolina. In this connection I should quote the following preliminary statement from Professor Johnson in a telegram under date of March 27, 1941:

"I see no serious objection to the Illinois plan. It may be best way of getting a good start on the Encyclopedia provided there is no question as to our right to have full use of material and provided there is adequate supervision."

As he is very much involved at present in assisting the completion of the Myrdal Survey, he would not be able to give the time to the final editing of the Encyclopedia, but would be glad to advise with Dr. DuBois regarding the collection

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and preparation of this preliminary material. He and Dr. DuBois have approved in writing this Memorandum--their emendations having been incorporated.

8. A specific proposal.

What is suggested for consideration is that the two Foundations which have shown an interest in the Encyclopedia of the Negro Project in the past, even though they have not made any grants to it, namely, the Carnegie and the Rockefeller Foundations, should each consider making a grant available next fall, say September 1, 1941, towards editorial expenses and incidentals for the coming year, with the understanding:

a. That this grant will be continued for three years thereafter if the first year's experience proves satisfactory.

b. That Atlanta University will release Dr. DuBois on part salary to give his major time to the project.

c. That the Rosenwald Fund will provide the cooperation outlined in Mr. Embree's letter.

d. That the Trustees of the Encyclopedia formally approve the project which from informal talks with those interested seems assured.

e. That the Phelps-Stokes Fund will contribute $500 a year for the period named. This cooperation was assured by the passing of the following resolutions by the Trustees of the Fund at their meeting April 16, 1941, after the reading and consideration of the Memorandum:

VOTED: To approve in principle the Memorandum on cooperation with the Rosenwald Fund in the Encyclopedia of the Negro plan prepared by the Chairman and dated April 10, 1941--to be redated April 19 after this meeting, when additional exhibits are inserted/

VOTED: To approve the Phelps-Stokes Fund's serving as a sponsor with the Rosenwald Fund and/or the Encyclopedia of the Negro in the proposed plan for the cooperation of the Negro Writers' Project of Illinois, in preparing preliminary material by competent scholars for such ultimate use by the Editors of the Encyclopedia as them may think fit.

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NOTED: To grant Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for the next fiscal year and the same amount for each of the three years following if the cooperation of the Writers Project proves satisfactory and can be continued, provided a total of Eight Thousand Dollars ($8,000.00) additional can be secured for each of those years from Foundations or other sources.

NOTED: To assure the Writers Project of Illinois and the Julius Rosenwald Fund of the Phelps-Stokes Fund's appreciation of their generous and important offer.

It will be noticed that the total amount asked from each Foundation for the cooperative project outlined is $16,000 ($4,000 a year for four years, which is slightly less than the total contribution of the Phelps-Stokes Fund towards the development of the Encyclopedia project to date($14,500) plus the $2,000 ($500 extra a year for a maximum of four years now contemplated)--or a total of $16,500. Some idea of the more important preliminary work done on the Encyclopedia project and of the material already collected may be realized from the attached summary. This material is all available for reference.

The conviction of the Trustees has been steadily growing as to the importance of the Encyclopedia of the Negro project and the soundness of the plans which have already been prepared. Recent decisions of the Supreme Court; the great advance which the Negro has been making in research as shown by the recent publications by the University of North Carolina of works by three Negro scholars who have been actively connected with the Encyclopedia of the Negro project; the setting apart by the American Historical Association at its recent meeting of a session devoted to the problems of Negro history under the leadership of Professor DuBois; and the acute problems effecting the Negro in this country and Africa which have been raised by the Second World War all seem to make this an important time for advancing the Encyclopedia.

It is hoped that this proposal to secure bibliographical material and articles, the preliminary draft of which should be invaluable when finally revised by the editors, may seem to the Foundation worthy of serious consideration.

Signed:

Chairman of the Trustees of the
Encyclopedia of the Negro

Temporary Office of the Encyclopedia of the Negro
% Phelps-Stokes Fund

(See Postscript on Page 8)

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Postscript - April 21, 1941

Since dictating the above the following important day letter has been received from Mr. Embree:

> "Arna Bontemps will have large part of responsibility for research and writing. He has my unqualified endorsement. The WPA writers and research men are selected for their care and competence. Under direction of Du Bois and Bontemps I should think they could be trusted to do a good job."

With Mr. Bontemps own suggestion as indicated above under 5. (1) that Professor Du Bois or whoever may be the representative of the Encyclopedia, should be in the Rosenwald Office supervising the editorial work, and Mr. Embree's high estimate of Mr. Bontemps, it would seem that a high quality of work could be expected.

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
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Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am enclosing herewith certain self-explanatory correspondence with Mr. Dollard, Assistant to the President of the Carnegie Corporation, and with Mr. Embree. I am not a bit discouraged.

Always sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

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Copy for Dr. Guy Johnson with enclosures

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

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Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Stokes:

I have now read the memorandum which accompanied your letter of April 22nd and have also had a chance to discuss it briefly with Mr. Jackson Davis of the General Education Board. After comparing the dates of the final meetings of our respective Boards, it was agreed that the time intervening before these meetings is insufficient to permit the careful canvas of the whole situation which your proposal justifies. Accordingly, Mr. Davis suggested, and I agreed, that no recommendations would be made either to his Trustees or to ours until after October 1, 1941, on which date the new fiscal year of the Corporation begins. Meanwhile, Mr. Lester and I will both make opportunities to discuss the problem with all the competent witnesses to whom we have access.

I assume from my conversation with Mr. Davis that you will receive a somewhat similar communication from him in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Charles Dollard

(enc.) for Dr. DuBois
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Mr. Charles Dollard
Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Dollard:

I have received this morning your kind letter of April 28th. I realize fully why it has seemed best to you and Mr. Davis not to present the Encyclopedia matter to your two Boards until after October 1st when your fiscal year begins. It would, of course, open up some advantages in having action earlier, but on the other hand this gives the opportunity for careful study of the whole situation which is so advisable and which we heartily welcome.

You will let me know in the meantime if there is anything further that you wish from me.

The delay will also give us the opportunity to have formal action on the proposal by the Atlanta University Trustees and by the Encyclopedia of the Negro Trustees so that everything may be ready in case we should be so fortunate as to have a favorable decision from the Boards concerned.

Assuring you of my appreciation of the careful consideration which you and Mr. Davis are giving to this proposal for a new and rather unique form of cooperation in advancing the Encyclopedia project in what would seem to be a most economical and effective way, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Copy for Mr. Jackson Davis

[ENC.] For Dr. DuBois
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Mr. Edwin R. Embree
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Embree:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter which I have received this morning from Mr. Dollard, the Assistant to the President of the Carnegie Corporation, together with carbon copy of my reply. It is, I think, self-explanatory.

The willingness of the two Corporations to consider seriously this whole matter, giving all necessary time to it, appears to me encouraging rather than discouraging. I am sorry, however, for the delay in getting our enterprise started.

The Phelps-Stokes Fund, which has spent $14,500 on the Project, has agreed to give $2,000 more over the next four years in case each of the two Foundations puts up $4,000 each. This means that we are asking them for a total of slightly less than we have been willing to put into this vitally important Encyclopedia of the Negro Project.

I will appreciate it if you will bring this matter to the attention of Mr. MacDougall and Mr. Bontemps, whose offer of cooperation is so very much appreciated.

Sincerely hoping that we may be able to go forward in the fallwith this interesting plan, I am

Very sincerely yours,

APS
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[PHELPS-STOKES FUND] For Dr. DuBois

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President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear President Clement:

Let me thank you for your cooperative letter of April 28th. As the Foundations have decided to consider the matter of the Encyclopedia at their October meeting in connection with the new fiscal year, rather than at the coming meeting, the delayed action of the Atlanta Board will not be serious.

I hope that when Dr. DuBois returns you and he may get together and thrash the whole thing out so that we may have a definite action that we can present to the Boards as evidence of Atlanta University's cooperation.

I am, with great respect,

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. Guy B. Johnson

7 May 1941

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My dear Mr. Stokes:

I think that by all means and not later than September first we ought to begin work on the Encyclopaedia of the Negro in cooperation with the Illinois WPA. Unless we do this the WPA will have to look for other projects and it is quite possible that when we get funds appropriated from the foundations, in case we do get them, it will be too late to get the full cooperation of the WPA. I suggest, therefore, that if possible, the two thousand dollars which the Phelps Stokes Fund has appropriated be used immediately to start cooperative effort. If it can only be used at the rate of five hundred dollars a quarter that we begin with that. I shall be perfectly willing to arrange on that basis to see that as much is done as is physically possible for me to do in order to start the project. I think too that I can arrange for other collaboration.

I am writing Mr. Bontemps a letter, a copy of which I enclose.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
Lenox
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18-44-26

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I have your letter of May 7th and enclose herewith a copy of a self-explanatory letter which I have just written to Mr. Bontemps. In the meantime will you not please discuss the matter with President Clement who will show you the letter which I sent him on this subject.

I have read with great interest the article in the Commonweal of May 2nd entitled "A Negro Scholar". It is, in the main, a remarkable tribute to your work.

It is best for you to use this office as my permanent address as I am coming up and down so frequently.

I most earnestly hope with you that the plan you mention may prove feasible, but in view of the terms of our vote and of our financial condition I could only assure $500 up to the time of our Phelps-Stokes meeting in November, and this only on condition that the Trustees approve of my proposal, which I think altogether probable.

I am, with kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. Arna Bontemps
Care of Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Bontemps:

I have duly received a copy of Dr. DuBois' important letter to you under date of May 7th; also an explanatory letter from him of the same date to me. His letter to you, as you will remember, read as follows:

> "I am a little distressed, as I know you are, at the prospect of postponement of the final decision as to cooperation of the Encyclopedia of the Negro with the Illinois Project of the WPA. I have written Mr. Stokes a letter, a copy of which is enclosed. What I propose is that we should begin definitely as of September first the cooperation, using such part of the Phelps-Stokes appropriation as they can let us have. I will by September first have in your hands subjects and bibliographies for as large a number of subjects for writers as possible and I will come to Chicago for a few days early in September to help start the matter. If you think this is feasible, let me know. Of course, if the foundations decide to provide the balance of the ten thousand dollars needed no time will have been lost and if they do not we can go as far as possible on the small appropriation and with a series of worthy studies. Kindly think this over and let me hear from you at your convenience."

I am very sorry to have been somewhat delayed in taking up this very important matter with you, but Dr. DuBois' letter reached me in Lenox and since my return here I have been taken up entirely with the work of the Committee on the American Negro in Defense Industries, whose release you have probably seen, but if by any chance you have not I enclose a copy for your information.

As you know from my letter of April 29th to Mr. Embree, it seemed advisable to the officers of the Carnegie and General Education Boards, who have had this matter under consideration, not to present it to the Boards until their meetings in October, fearing that they would not have time to develop it adequately or to secure thorough consideration of it at their forthcoming meetings for which the agenda is already very full.

Dr. DuBois' letter of May 7th raises the matter in a new form and I, of course, sympathize very heartily with him in his desire to run no chance to miss what might be called an option on your highly valued offer of cooperation. I have looked up the action taken by the Phelps-Stokes Fund at their meeting of April 16 and find the following votes:

VOTED: To approve in principle the Memorandum on cooperation with the Rosenwald Fund and Atlanta University in the Encyclopedia of the Negro plan prepared by the Chairman and dated April 10, 1941 - and to be redated April 17 after this meeting.

VOTED: To approve the Phelps-Stokes Fund's serving as a sponsor with the Rosenwald Fund and/or the Encyclopedia of the Negro in the proposed plan for the cooperation of the Negro Writers' Project of Illinois, in preparing preliminary material by competent scholars for such ultimate use by the Editors of the Encyclopedia as they may think fit.

VOTED: To grant Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for the next fiscal year, and the same amount for each of the three years following if the cooperation of the Writers' Project proves satisfactory and can be continued, provided a total of Eight Thousand Dollars ($8,000.00) additional can be secured for each of those years from Foundations or other sources.

VOTED: To assure the Writers' Project of Illinois and the Rosenwald Foundation of the Phelps-Stokes Fund's appreciation of their generous and important offer.

You will notice from the third of these votes that the Phelps-Stokes Fund's offer was conditional on certain amounts being raised from other sources and that the first installment of it was to be charged to the next fiscal year which begins November 1, 1941. If, however, a grant of $500 to Dr. DuBois this summer would enable him to start the proposed cooperation without any definite assurance on our part that it be continued, I would be very glad to write to the members of the Executive Committee of our Trustees, authorizing them to grant the first $500 contribution and to remove the conditional clause. In other words, I agree with Dr. DuBois that the matter is of such large importance that I want to run no chance of other proposals having the priority and feel with him that even if we cannot get the remainder from the Foundations at their October meeting, we shall have advanced the project and have initiated a method of cooperation which I hope will bear fruit in the future.

Of course this is conditional upon Atlanta University being willing to make arrangements that are mutually satisfactory to its officers and to Dr. DuBois.

I am sending this letter to you, with copy to Dr. DuBois, by air mail so as to save time.

I am, with great respect and with the earnest hope that the Encyclopedia project may be advanced in some such way as I have outlined,

Very sincerely yours,

APS
RLH

P.S. Of course, as you know, I am not in a position to predict the action of the Foundations. I am convinced, however, that they will give this proposal very careful consideration.

[PHELPS-STOKES FUND]

14-44-34

14 May 1941

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I have just received the enclosed letter from Mr. Bontemps. I want to take this occasion to thank you and the Phelps Stokes Fund for helping us to have Mr. Tracy Philipps at the FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE. The Institute was attended by fifty-one delegates from thirty-five institutions and was exceedingly interesting and promising. I shall see that you have later an account of what occurred. Mr. Philipps did much to help in the success of the Institute.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
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18-44-28

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am enclosing herewith a disappointing letter from Mr. Jackson Davis together with a carbon copy of my reply. Personally, I am convinced that Mr. Davis has done everything in his power to advance the project, as I know he believes it to be an important one.

Now the question comes up as to what we should do. I have written this morning to two smaller foundations, one of which is just starting under way and might conceivably be interested. ~~If these letters are not productive,~~ I am inclined to think that it would probably be unwise for us to start the cooperation with the Writers Project, unless within the course of the next few days I get satisfactory replies from one of these Foundations and unless Mr. Dollard's Board takes a different view from that expressed in Mr. Davis's letter. If the money is not forthcoming, what would you think of returning to the alternative which I presented a year ago, namely, getting out by the Phelps-Stokes Fund of a bound mimeographed book giving all the fifteen exhibits which I have outlined in my Memorandum of April 10th, as well as the eight Appendices. To do this in effective form one thing would be necessary, as I see it, namely, that the 1939 classified List of Subjects, including 1021 major and 1061 subsidiary subjects, should have added to it the tentative bibliographical suggestions contained in the list of 1937 with its 1353 major subjects, and that additional bibliographical notes should be supplied for the remaining 700 subjects. This would make the material worth while for reference.

If this were done we would accomplish three things:

1. Supply a work of reference that would be highly useful.

2. Give in permanent form a most interesting and valuable example of interracial cooperation.

3. Keep the movement alive, providing a basis on which future editors might work.

If worse comes to worse and we decide on this as a result of our experience in the next few weeks, I think I could probably secure from the Phelps-Stokes Fund the $500 voted as a conditional appropriation for the coming year toward the WPA Writers Project. Plan, and this would be available on some equitable basis for you, Professor Logan and your secretary.

While writing may I ask one other thing, namely, whether there is any time between now and the 1st of July when you plan to be in New York? If so, I should like to call a meeting of the Trustees at that time, filling a few vacancies on the Board and electing a new Vice Chairman, and taking such further actions as might be necessary.

I am sending Professor Guy Johnson a copy of this letter, together with a copy of Mr. Jackson Davis's letter to me and of my reply.

Regretting that I have not a more favorable report, but feeling as sure as ever that the work in which we are both interested and in which you have rowed such a strong oar may ultimately be carried through successfully, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

APS
RLH

P.S. The $500.00 referred to at the foot of the previous page would take the place of the $500.00 appropriated two or three years ago in case we decide to publish the brochure referred to on the Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

18-44-29

[ENC.]
for Dr. DuBois

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GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD
49 West 49th Street, New York

May 20, 1941

18-44-30

My dear Dr. Stokes:

In accordance with an understanding that Mr. Dollard of the Carnegie Corporation and I reached after we talked the matter over, we have been proceeding with further inquiries into the Encyclopedia project on the basis of your memorandum.

As is usual in our routine practice, the matter has come up for informal discussion among the officers. After consultation with them, we agree that there is no hope of a favorable recommendation. This project, while seemingly calling for only a modest sum, does carry implications of further assistance and the experience of mounting costs with other encyclopedias is one with which we have to reckon.

There is also a very strong feeling that the Board could not wisely participate in a proposal of such highly exacting character under relief auspices, and with all the attendant uncertainties of the years immediately ahead. There is, too, the factor of the increasing age of Dr. DuBois with the strong likelihood that a person well past 70 might not be able to see the project through, even if funds were available.

I regret to have to report this to you, but my long friendship and admiration for you prompt me to do it even though I know it is a keen disappointment. It would hardly be fair to withold this knowledge on the basis of a hope which cannot be realized. There must be decisions in the interim which you could best make by knowing that aid from the Board on this proposal would not be possible.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Jackson Davis

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
Phelps-Stokes Fund
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18-44-31

Mr. Jackson Davis
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Davis:

On my return to New York yesterday, I duly received your letter of May 20th and thank you heartily for writing me so frankly. Frankness in such matters is always to be desired.

I realize the force of the arguments which you have made, and without in any way expecting you to reopen the matter, I thought that it was only fair to the Encyclopedia and to you that I should comment on the various reasons which have led to your decision, a decision which I accept and which I respect.

1. Implications of further assistance. I suppose that it is likely that if the four year program with the Illinois Writers Project were carried through successfully, we might at the proper time apply to the Board for additional help, but we would understand that there would be no implication on your part of such assistance.

2. The Expense of mounting costs with other Encyclopedias. I think that this matter has been covered fairly well by Dr. Alvin Johnson's very careful survey of October 1937 with the total estimated cost as $266.600. As you know, we believe that the Writers Project plan would reduce this by about $100,000.

3. The difficulties involved in using "Relief Auspices". I would agree with you if these were final, were it not that it is merely the Writers Project that is involved and if the program were terminated because it was unsatisfactory or finances not forthcoming, the material acquired would be just so much to the good. Furthermore, as you know under the proposed arrangement there is no thought that these men on the Writers Project would prepare articles in their final form. They would all be subject to our editorial supervision. It happens that I have known a good many of the Writers Project men in Washington and I have been surprised at the high grade of many of these men and at their excellent work. It is true that it would be increasingly difficult to get good white Writers Project men as the needs of national defense increase, but unfortunately the competent colored man with scientific and literary qualifications has extraordinarily little opportunity in the defense program and he would consequently still be available,

4. The "increasing age of Dr. DuBois". This is indeed serious, but fortunately Dr. Guy Johnson, his associate, is still in middle age and we have in Dr. Logan who has, up to the present, done more work on the Encyclopedia than any one else, an admirably fitted scholar. As you know, he is a Harvard Ph.D. and Professor of History at Howard. The University of North Carolina has just published his book on "Public Relations with Haiti". Our Board has already named him as an Assistant Editor.

18-44-32

As I have intimated above, I have not written this letter with any thought of changing the point of view of you or any of your associates, for I know that it is most unlikely under existing conditions. I merely thought it right that you should realize that we are not unaware of some of the difficulties involved and have tried to face them.

Again I want to thank you for your very kind letter. You have always been most sympathetic personally in principle with our Encyclopedia Project and I count it an act of friendship rather than otherwise that you should have written as you did.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

APS
RLH

P. S. In case Mr. Dollard knows of your decision and has seen your letter to me, I would be glad to have you show him this letter for his information.

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19-44-33

29 May 1941

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I admire your optimism and I am sure that it is going to be justified in the long run but just now, looking at conditions realistically, there is no possible chance of any progress being made in the Encyclopaedia of the Negro during my active life-time. I think, therefore, the thing for me to do is to resign as editor-in-chief and leave the matter in abeyance for a new generation to take up after this horrible war. Even if anything could be done during the next few years the letter of Mr. Davis would definitely put me out of the picture. I am sure that Mr. Davis has thought the matter through carefully and has acted with full sympathy for our project. I propose, therefore, that next fall I undertake to prepare and put into your hands a bound mimeographed book giving all of the fifteen exhibits outlined in your memorandum of April tenth as well as the eight appendices. To this should be added the 1939 classified lists of subjects including 1,021 major and 1,061 subsidiary subjects. To this will be added the bibliographical suggestions in the list of 1937 and additional bibliographical notes. This could be done within the five hundred dollar appropriation except that I am not quite certain as to the mimeographing. I could do this matter with the assistance of Miss Diggs and with some assistance from Dr. Logan and his brother.

Kindly let me know if this proposal is agreeable and if the cost of mimeographing is to be included in the five hundred and, if so, to what extent. The final arrangement, of course, is going to involve a good deal of clerical work and I want to be certain as to just what leeway I would have.

I enclose my resignation for the board.

I am taking a trip to Florida during June for rest and recration and will not be in Atlanta between June first and June twenty-first. After that I shall be in Atlanta for about ten days and then shall be at 2302 Montebello Terrace, Baltimore, Maryland. I shall not be in New York before July first but I could be there between September first and fifteenth.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
New York City

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I am, therefore, placing my resignation as editor-in-chief of the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro in the hands of the chairman, Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, to be accepted at your pleasure but not later than January 1, 1942. It is understood that in the meantime I shall, with the help of the Phelps Stokes Fund, place in Dr. Stokes' hands a final report of our activities during the years in which I have been connected with the project.

I want to assure you of my deep appreciation of your confidence and cooperation. I am, Gentlemen,

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W. E. B. Du Bois

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Mr. Charles Dollard
Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
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12-35-5

My dear Mr. Dollard:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 18th. In view of Mr. Jackson Davis' letter, I felt it altogether probable that you would take the same attitude regarding the proposal to help the Encyclopaedia of the Negro carry out a cooperative undertaking with the Rosenwald Foundation and the Illinois Writers Project, in connection with collecting material for the proposed Encyclopaedia. Under the circumstances, therefore, I think it just as well that you should consider the matter closed so far as this particular application is concerned and should not present it to your Board in October.

As you know, I am very deeply interested in the Encyclopaedia plan and believe it one of very great importance, and hope and believe that after the war it may be carried out in some way, probably by a group of younger men who are the successors of those who have been so deeply interested in developing the plans. I feel that everything that we have done will prove a very great help toward this consummation and I am taking steps so that we shall conserve the results through a publication which the Phelps-Stokes Fund will, I hope, be able to publish during the course of the next winter and which will include all the material we have thus far gathered, together with a full revision of the list of entries, with bibliographical references for each. This will make the volume of service to libraries even though, of course, it will have to be considered as purely preliminary.

Again thanking you for your very cooperative attitude toward the consideration of this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours

APS:das

Anson Phelps Stokes

Copy to Mr. Jackson Davis

Copy for Dr. DuBois
A. P. S.

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New York City

My dear Mrs. Davis-DuBois:

In connection with your request for a grant toward the sum of $500.00 needed to arrange for Dr. W. E. B. DuBois to lecture at New York University during the fall term beginning in September 1941, the Trustees of the Phelps-Stokes Fund at a meeting on April 16, 1941, adopted a resolution providing that the sum of $100.00 be set aside in our budget for the fiscal year beginning November 1, 1941, toward this purpose.

This amount will be payable any time after December 1, 1941, upon notice from you that arrangements have been made for Dr. DuBois to deliver the lectures.

Sincerely yours

LAR:DAS

L. A. Roy

Copy to Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

[PHELPS-STOKES FUND]

7 July 1941

My dear Dr. Stokes:

On May 29, I sent you a letter, a copy of which is enclosed. Since I have not heard from you I am a little afraid it may have gone astray.

I have just returned from a most interesting trip in Cuba. I motored the length of the island and had some interviews with numbers of persons of prominence. Here is another astonishing center of race and color problems intermingled with American industry.

I shall hope to hear from you in the near future. I shall be here until about July fifteenth and after that at 2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-35-6.

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
Lenox
Massachusetts

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
LENOX, MASSACHUSETTS

July 11, 1941

18-35-7

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have your important letter of July 7th. You must have thought it extraordinarily strange that you did not get any reply to my letter of May 29th. As you will see from a carbon copy which I enclose, I wrote you under date of June 6th and sent the letter to Atlanta University. Evidently it has been following you around.

I note that you can be reached after the 15th at 2302 Montebello Terrace, Baltimore, Maryland, and it will certainly be well for us to get together some time between then and your return to Atlanta in the Fall.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
Anson Phelps Stokes

(Dictated but not signed by Dr. Stokes)

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Enc.
P.S. Would you be good enough to acknowledge this letter so that I may be sure that you have received it, and let me know whether you will act on the matters referred to in the enclosed?

COPY

[enc.]

June 6, 1941

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have duly received your important letter of May 29th, in which you submit your resignation as Editor of the Encyclopedia of the Negro, to take effect at the convenience of the Board, but not later than January 1, 1942. I shall bring this letter to the attention of the Board at its next meeting.

Personally, I doubt whether the Board will think it advisable to accept it for so long as there is the slightest prospect of our being able to put the project through in your lifetime--which I now grant to be unlikely--we would like to feel that you are serving as its Editor. Possibly the best solution would be to make you Editor Emeritus, as the Encyclopedia will some time appear, and if it appears while you are still living, whether you are actively connected with it or not I would like to have your name prominently identified with it.

8-25-0

Now as to a meeting of the Trustees, I think that I will probably call it some time between September first and 15th when you tell me that you are to be in New York.

As to the preliminary volume which we propose to issue, I am really quite enthusiastic about it. As a matter of fact I have all the material together and would like to go over it with you if you can run up from Atlantic City to New York some time the first week in July. I have all of your original material here. The all important thing for you to do is to work out in as complete form as possible the bibliographical references. That will make the volume of permanent value.

By the way, if you have not a full list of the colored men mentioned in the Dictionary of American Biography I will try to get one from Dr. Starr, the Associate Editor. It might be useful for your purposes.

As to the mimeographing, supposing we put it this way. I will see that you get four hundred of the five hundred referred to in my recent communication for the completion of the bibliographical references and such other incidental material as may be necessary, you dividing this amount between yourself, Miss Diggs, Dr. Logan and his brother, as you think advisable, leaving me a hundred dollars for the final mimeographing, and I will in one way or another get whatever additional amount may prove necessary next year.

Perhaps you will explain to Mr. Bontemps the situation which has arisen, or I will write to him if you prefer. I am leaving tonight for Ohio to keep some appointments there, but will be in the office next Wednesday, so I am sending this letter to you Special Delivery.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

P.S. I am really most anxious to make the bibliographical references as useful as possible. I think that they will have great value.

What will be your address in Atlantic City?

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

[PHELPS-STOKES FUND]

15 July 1941

12-35-9

My dear Dr. Stokes:

I can't image what became of your letter of June sixth but once in a while, especially at times of celebrations like commencement, our University post office gets rather crazy. Your letter was not forwarded and has not turned up yet.

I shall be very glad to come to New York for a meeting of the trustees any time between September first and fifteenth as I am expecting to be there any way about that time. I am going to Baltimore for the summer in a few days and can be addressed at

2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

until September fifteenth. As soon as I get back to my desk here, I shall go carefully into the plans for our final mimeographed report and write you in detail about it.

I think Mr. Logan has a complete list of the colored men mentioned in the Dictionary of American Biography. If not, we would be very glad to have one from Dr. Starr.

I have already explained the situation to Mr. Bontemps but I would be glad to have your write him also.

With best regards

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
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August 12, 1941

0-35-8

Mr. Arna Bontemps
Illinois Writers' Project
c/o Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Bontemps:

I know that Dr. Du Bois has already written to you explaining the situation which arose and which made it seem impossible for the Phelps-Stokes Fund to accept your generous offer and that of the Rosenwald Fund for cooperation through the Illinois Writers' Project with the Encyclopaedia of the Negro plan. The plan seemed a most promising one and as you know, the Phelps-Stokes Fund was prepared to aid in a small measure if the General Education Board and the Carnegie Board gave evidence of willingness to cooperate financially. They were both interested and believe, I think, that such an encyclopaedia is at the proper time highly desirable but after due consideration and conference they thought it most unlikely that their Boards would decide to assist the project at this time.

Under these circumstances, the Encyclopaedia of the Negro is going to publish this fall, with the assistance of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, the material which it has collected, giving the list of major subjects which should be included in the encyclopaedia with bibliographical notes, lists of libraries which specialize in Negro and African material, etc. This book will serve a three-fold purpose - one, give a history of the encyclopaedia project to date, two, provide a work of reference that may be of value to students, three, keep alive the encyclopaedia project and provide a basis on which the work may be taken up again at some future time after the war.

You and Mr. Embree were so cooperative in connection with the proposed plan for assistance from the Writers' Project, I am extremely sorry, as Dr. Du Bois has already written to you, that we cannot carry out the plan.

I am, with great respect,

Sincerely yours

APS:das

Anson Phelps Stokes

copy to Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

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18-35-11

Mr. Edwin R. Embree
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Embree:

As I am sure you know through Mr. Bontemps, it developed that the General Education Board and Rockefeller Foundation will probably decide that at their fall meeting they could not assist the Encyclopaedia of the Negro through the Illinois Writers' Project at this time and consequently the proposal, to our great regret, has had to be given up. As far as your specific suggestion is concerned, although I feel sure that ultimately the Encyclopaedia of the Negro will become a reality and that all the work that Dr. Du Bois, Professor Logan and others have put into it during recent years, will prove all worth while.

I enclose copy of letter that I have just written to Mr. Bontemps which is self-explanatory. Again thanking you for your offer of cooperation and expressing regret that the Phelps-Stokes Fund is not in a position, financially, to carry through the project alone, even with your generous assistance, I am,

Very sincerely yours

APS:das

Anson Phelps Stokes

Ltr to Dr. DuBois

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Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am writing to express the hope that you can attend a conference on Africa and the Peace Conference at the Phelps-Stokes Fund Office on Monday, September 8th, at 2:30 P.M.

Recently an informal conference was held at this office attended by some of our Trustees especially interested in Africa, namely: Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, Educational Director of the Fund, who prepared the two reports on Education in Africa and Education in East Africa, the latter at the request of the British Colonial Office; Mr. Jackson Davis, Associate Director of the General Education Board and in charge of Negro Education, who has been one of the Carnegie Visitors to Africa and is President of the New York State Colonization Society, whose special interest is in Liberia; Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Senior Secretary of Colored Work of the International Y.M.C.A.; and the undersigned. Dr. Emory Ross, former missionary in the Belgian Congo and now General Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, another member of our Board, was unavoidably prevented from attending.

At this informal gathering, it was decided to call a conference of about a dozen persons especially interested in Africa and international relations to meet at this office and discuss what, if anything, should be done by a representative group of Americans to help protect the interests of the Natives of Africa in connection with the Peace Treaty which will follow the present war. If this small group thinks it worth while, a larger committee will be organized--independent of the Phelps-Stokes Fund--and a suitable memorandum or report prepared. Those invited are all Americans, white and colored, whose advice it is thought should be particularly helpful.

I have prepared and am forwarding to you in confidence herewith tentative agenda indicating the type of questions which might be discussed at the conference. They may be helpful as a point of departure and basis of discussion. Members of the conference may well decide that some of these questions should be omitted; others added.

A list of possible persons whose names might be considered for the Committee will be presented at the Conference, but it is hoped that each member may propose additional names. I enclose a list of those who are being invited to the first meeting. Dr. Jones thinks it best that he should not be a member of the Committee so as to retain his independence of its findings, in case the Phelps-Stokes Fund should decide at the close of the war and after conference with other groups at home and abroad, to send another Educational Commission to Africa.

The travelling expenses of out-of-town members coming to New York especially for the conference will be met.

Sincerely hoping that you may be able to attend, I am

Very truly yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

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August 26, 1941

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I write to inform you that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Encyclopedia of the Negro will be held at the office of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, Room 1410, 101 Park Avenue, New York City, on Tuesday morning, September 9th, at 10: o'clock. Travelling expenses of out of town members will be met. It is hoped that all may arrange to attend.

Very sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps-Stokes

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September 4, 1941

ATIMORE PARCHMENT
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To the Members of the proposed Committee
on Africa and Peace Aims:

18-35-13

I am writing to remind you that the Conference on Africa and Peace Aims is to be held in this office next Monday, September 8th, at 2:30 P.M.

I am enclosing a revised list of those invited to this preliminary meeting. Those with an asterisk opposite their names have already accepted. Two or three others have said that tney have previous appointments but would like to send a representative. Others have not yet been heard from. It is evident that the group should be fairly well qualified to discuss what, if anything, we should do in this country, looking forward to ultimate peace terms for Africa, especially bearing in mind the need of protecting and advancing the true interests of the African Native, and in improving relations between the races.

A copy of the tentative Agenda has already been sent to you. Will you please add to it as IV-a:

> Should the Statement deal only with fundamental principles; or should it consider these and their major applications; or should it go into the details of problems in different areas?

It is hoped that all participants will arrive promptly at halp past two and make no other engagements until after six o'clock, as the matters to be discussed are many and weighty.

Very truly yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

APS
RLH

Dr. DuBois
Surely hope you can come

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FIRST CONFERENCE ON AFRICA AND THE PEACE CONFERENCE
September 8, 1941

PERSONS INVITED
(* - accepted up to September 3)

* Dr. L. K. Anderson, former missionary in Cameroons, now Secretary of Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell, Adviser on Foreign Affairs to "Life" and "Time"; former Research Director, Foreign Policy Association. Author of "The Native Problem in Africa", 1928.

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* Dr. Ralph Johnson Bunche, Professor of Political Science, Howard University, Washington, D.C. Special student of African problems and recent visitor to Africa.

* Mr. Jackson Davis, Associate Director, General Education Board; President New York State Colonization Society; President Booker Washington Institute of Liberia. Carnegie Visitor to Africa in 1935.

Mr. J. Merle Davis, Director of Social and Economic Research, International Missionary Council. Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry (1932); and Editor of its Report (1933) on "Modern Industry and the African".

* Mr. Malcolm Davis, Associate Director of Division of Intercourse and Education of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and formerly its representative in Paris and Geneva.

* Mr. Thomas S. Donohugh, Associate Secretary Board of Missions and Church Extension Methodist Church. (In charge of work for Africa)

Professor W. E. B. DuBois, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. Author of "Black Folk Then and Now". Long a close student of African problems.

Mr. John Foster Dulles (or his representative, Mr. Bradford S. Abernethy), Chairman of Committee to Study the Bases for a Just and Durable Peace, Federal Council of Churches.

Miss Mabel E. Emerson, Chairman of the Africa Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference.

Dr. George E. Haynes, Executive Secretary, Department of Race Relations, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Visitor to Africa.

* Professor Charles S. Johnson, Department of Sociology, Fisk University. Member League of Nations Commission to Investigate Forced Labor in Liberia, 1930.

* Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, Educational Director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund; Chairman of Phelps-Stokes Fund Education Commissions to Africa in 1920-21 and 1923-24. (Dr. Jones thinks for reasons stated in Call for meeting that he had better not serve on the final Committee)

Dr. Frederick P. Keppel, President of Carnegie Corporation; Visitor to Africa in connection with the interests of the Corporation. (or his representative)

* Father John LaFarge, S.J., Associate Editor of "America", New York City.

* Professor Rayford W. Logan, Professor of History, Howard University, Washington, D.C. Leader of group studying status of Negro after present world war.

Father J. P. Lucey, C.S.Sp., Ferndale College, formerly missionary in East Africa, attached to Apostolic Delegation in Mombasa.

* Dean Robert Stewart McClenahan, Dean Emeritus, American University of Cairo; now in Philadelphia.

General Frank Ross McCoy, Director of the Foreign Policy Association

* Mr. John H. Reisner, Executive Secretary, Agricultural Missions, Incorporated. Former Visitor to Africa.

* Dr. Emory Ross, General Secretary, Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Former Missionary to Belgian Congo.

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Dr. Wilbur A. Sawyer, Director International Health Division, Rockefeller Foundation. (or other representative of Foundation)

Dr. George Schwab, former Missionary in Cameroons. Anthropologist. About to publish a Study of the Bassa Tribe through Harvard University.

Mr. Whitney Hart Shepardson, Board of Directors, Council on Foreign Relations, New York City.

Dr. James T. Shotwell, Professor of History, Columbia University; Director Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; President League of Nations Association.

* Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, President Phelps-Stokes Fund; Carnegie Visitor to Africa.

* Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Senior Secretary, Colored Work Department, National Council of Y.M.C.A.s.

Mr. Walter White, Secretary National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Dr. Joseph Henry Willits, Director for the Social Sciences, Rockefeller Foundation, New York

Anson Phelps Stokes Committee on

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AFRICA AND THE PROPOSED PEACE PLANS

The future of Africa in the numerous Peace Plans now proposed is of profound concern to the friends of Africa. Historic records and personal experiences even in recent years prove too emphatically how often Africa has been omitted from the proposals of peace and progress. Even the inspiring "Declaration" that "All men are created free and equal" was written and proclaimed by men who overlooked the slavery in their own community! Solemnly, therefore, we record herewith the inspiring pronouncements of the High and Holy Men who have in all sincerity declared to the world their convictions "that peace should afford to all nations the assurance that all men in all lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want".*

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT: "THE FOUR FREEDOMS"

Announcing the unlimited national emergency in May 1941 President Roosevelt proclaimed the Four Freedoms:

> "We will accept only a world consecrated to freedom of apeech and expression--freedom of every person to worship God in his own way--freedom from want--and freedom from terror."

In his Labor Day Message September 1941, the President emphasized the Freedoms in the following significant statement:

> "In times of national emergency, one fact is brought home to us clearly and decisively--the fact that all of our rights are interdependent.
>
> "The right of freedom of worship would mean nothing without freedom of speech. And the rights of free labor as we know them today could not survive without the rights of free enterprise.
>
> "That is the indestructible bond that is between us-- all of us Americans: interdependence of interests, privileges, opportunities--interdependence of rights.
>
> "That is what unites us--men and women of all sections, of all races, of all faiths, of all occupations, of all political beliefs. That is why we have been able to defy and frustrate the enemies who believed they could divide us and conquer us from within."

* President Roosevelt

POPE PIUS XII: PEACE AND THE CHANGING SOCIAL ORDER

On the Fiftieth Anniversary (June 1941) of Pope Leo XIII's Social Encyclical, Pope Pius XII in his first solemn pronouncement on basic social issues proclaimed to the World the rights and obligations of Catholics in a changing society and foreshadowed the Church's determination to participate in the new social order when peace is established:

"It is----the indisputable competence of the Church....to decide whether the bases of a given social system are in accord with the unchangeable order" of God.

On the Rights of the Individual: The power of the State "does not imply a power so extensive over the members of the community that in virtue of it the public authority can interfere with the evolution of that individual.... decide on the beginning or the ending of human life, determine at will the manner of his physical, spiritual and moral movements." This would mean "falling into the error that the proper scope of man on earth is society, that society is an end in itself."

On the Distribution of Goods: "The goods which were created by God for all men should flow equally to all according to the principles of justice and charity."

On Labor: "The duty and the right to organize the labor of the people belongs above all to the people immediately interested: the employers and the workers.... Every legitimate and beneficial interference of the State in the field of labor should be such as to guard and respect its personal character...."

On the Family: "In the family the nation finds the natural and fecund roots of its greatness and power.... A so-called civil progress would be unnatural which--either through the excessive burdens imposed or through exaggerated direct influence--were to render private property void of significance, practically taking from the family and its head the freedom to follow the scope set by God for the perfection of family life."

On the Land: "Only that stability which is rooted in one's own holding makes of the family the most vital and most perfect and fecund cell of society."

On Lebensraum: The world has many "Habitable regions and vital spaces now lying abandoned to wild natural vegetation and well suited to be cultivated by man.... We (urge) the more favorable distribution of men on the earth's surface .... that surface which God created and prepared for the use of all."

ANGLICANS, CATHOLICS, NON-CONFORMISTS

BRITISH CHRISTIAN LEADERS AND LASTING PEACE

In May 1941, British Christian Leaders achieved impressive unity in their proposals for a Lasting Peace:

Ten Proposals for Lasting Peace:--

1. The right to life and independence of all nations, large, small, strong or weak, must be safeguarded.

2. Disarmament must be mutually accepted, organic and progressive, both in letter and spirit.

3. International institutions must be created or recast to insure the loyal and faithful execution of international agreements.

4. Real needs and just demands of nations and peoples should be benevolently examined.

5. A peace settlement must be dictated by a sense of acute responsibility which weighs human statutes according to the holy, unshakable rules of divine law.

6. Extreme inequality of wealth should be abolished.

7. Every child, regardless of race or class, should have equal opportunities for education suitable to its peculiar capacities.

8. The family as a social unit must be safeguarded.

9. The sense of a divine vocation must be restored to man's daily work.

10. Resources of the earth should be used as God's gifts to the whole human race and used with due consideration for the needs of present and future generations.

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE: DYNAMIC METHODS AND PEACE

In June 1941 The Friends Service issued a six-point program including arbitration, general disarmament, international mandates and the following important essentials to permanent peace:

1. All nations shall be assured equitable access to markets.

2. Immigration should be controlled with a view to the welfare of all nations concerned.

3. Economic and social policies which affect other nations must be determined in international consultation.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL

THE EIGHT POINTS PEACE AIMS OF BRITAIN AND THE U.S.A.

In August 1941 the President of the United States of America and the Prime Minister of the British Commonwealth of Nations, in personal and official conference with the aid of their official advisers, prepared and issued to the World the following extraordinary peace Aims:

1. "Their countries seek no aggrandizement, territorial or other;

2. "They desire to see no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned;

3. "They respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live; and they wish to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them;

4. "They will endeavor, with due respect for their existing obligations, to further the enjoyment by all States, great or small, victor or vanquished, of access, on equal terms, to the trade and to the raw materials of the world which are needed for their economic prosperity;

5. "They desire to bring about the fullest collaboration between all nations in the economic field with the object of securing, for all, improved labor standards, economic advancement and social security;

6. "After the final destruction of the Nazi tyranny, they hope to see established a peace which will afford to all nations the means of dwelling in safety within their own boundaries, and which will afford assurance that all the men in all the lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want;

7. "Such a peace should enable all men to traverse the high seas and oceans without hindrance;

8. "They believe that all of the nations of the world, for realistic as well as spiritual reasons, must come to the abandonment of the use of force. Since no future peace can be maintained if land, sea or air armaments continue to be employed by nations which threaten, or may threaten, aggression outside of their frontiers, they believe, pending the establishment of a wider and permanent system of general security, that the disarmament of such nations is essential. They will likewise aid and encourage all other practicable measures which will lighten for peace-loving peoples the crushing burden of armaments."

Never in all historic record has there appeared such inspiring proclamations of Peace Aims from High and Holy Places representing Science, Government and Religion. Surely such Peace Aims include all peoples and especially Africa and Africans so often overlooked in the great peace plans of the past.

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September 10, 1941

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18-35-15

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Hotel Theresa
Seventh Avenue and 125th Street
New York City

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I was very much pleased at your being able to attend the important meetings at this office Monday and Tuesday.

I am enclosing herewith the Phelps-Stokes Fund cheque for $100, being the balance of our present appropriation for the Encyclopedia. I thought that you might like to get to work pretty soon on the revision and completion of the alphabetical subjects with the bibliographical notes.

I will send you in a few days a tentative outline of our preliminary volume as I see it.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

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Brooklyn, N.Y.

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September 30, 1941

Dear Sir:

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I am forwarding to you and to all other members of the Committee on Africa and Peace Aims the following documents--all marked confidential.

1. Minutes of the Preliminary Meeting of the Committee, held September 8, 1941, with introductory statement and lists of persons present and invited.

2. Minutes of Meeting of the Organizing Committee as provided for at the Preliminary Meeting and held September 17, 1941.

It seems important that all the members of the Committee should be kept informed regarding the progress of our efforts to prepare a document that may point the way to a wise post-war solution of the major problems of Africa. Suggestions or comments will be welcomed at any time.

Very truly yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes
Acting Chairman

W. Du Bois

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Minutes of Preliminary Meeting
of
COMMITTEE ON AFRICA AND PEACE AIMS

Held in the Offices of the Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue, New York City

September 8, 1941, 2:30 P. M.

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As an introduction to the Minutes of the Preliminary Meeting on September 8, 1941, it seems desirable to indicate the origin of the proposal to arrange a Conference on Africa and Peace Aims. The following letter dated August 8, 1941, by Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, President of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, explains the tentative arrangements proposed for the consideration of the Preliminary Meeting:

I am writing to express the hope that you can attend a conference on Africa and the Peace Conference at the Phelps-Stokes Fund Office on Monday, September 8th, at 2:30 P.M.

Recently an informal conference was held at this office attended by some of our Trustees especially interested in Africa, namely: Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, Educational Director of the Fund, who prepared the two reports on Education in Africa and Education in East Africa, the latter at the request of the British Colonial Office; Mr. Jackson Davis, Associate Director of the General Education Board and in charge of Negro Education, who has been one of the Carnegie Visitors to Africa and is President of the New York State Colonization Society, whose special interest is in Liberia; Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Senior Secretary of Colored Work of the International Y.M.C.A.; and the undersigned. Dr. Emory Ross, former missionary in the Belgian Congo, and now General Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, another member of our Board, was unavoidably prevented from attending.

At this informal gathering it was decided to call a conference of about a dozen persons especially interested in Africa and international relations to meet at this office and discuss what, if anything, should be done by a representative group of Americans to help protect the interests of the Natives of Africa in connection with the Peace Treaty which will follow the present war. If this small group thinks it worth while, a larger Committee will be organized--independent of the Phelps-Stokes Fund--and a suitable memorandum or report prepared. Those invited are all Americans, white and colored, whose advice it is thought should be particularly helpful.

I have prepared and am forwarding to you in confidence herewith tentative agenda indicating the type of questions which might be discussed at the conference. They may be helpful as a point of departure and basis of discussion. Members of the conference may well decide that some of these questions should be omitted; others added.

A list of possible persons whose names might be considered for the Committee will be presented at the Conference, but it is hoped that each member may propose additional names. I enclose a list of those who are being invited to the first meeting. Dr. Jones thinks it best that he should not be a member of the Committee so as to retain his independence of its findings,

in case the Phelps-Stokes Fund should decide at the close of the war and after conference with other groups at home and abroad, to send another Educational Commission to Africa.

The travelling expenses of out-of-town members coming to New York especially for the conference will be met.

Sincerely hoping that you may be able to attend, I am

Very truly yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

The attached tentative Agenda prepared by Dr. Stokes for the consideration of the Preliminary Meeting suggested in a tentative way the topics and organizational procedures which might be discussed at the meeting on September 8th.

Dr. Stokes, in consultation with several persons concerned in African affairs, prepared a list of persons to be invited to the Preliminary Meeting and another list of names to be submitted to the first meeting as an aid in selecting additional persons to be invited. These lists are as follows:

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FIRST CONFERENCE ON AFRICA AND THE PEACE CONFERENCE
September 8, 1941

PERSONS INVITED

Dr. L. K. Anderson, former missionary in Cameroons, now Secretary of Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell, Adviser on Foreign Affairs to "Life" and "Time"; former Research Director, Foreign Policy Association. Author of the "Native Problem in Africa", 1928.

Dr. Ralph Johnson Bunche, Professor of Political Science, Howard University, Washington, D. C. Special student of African problems and recent visitor to Africa.

Mr. Jackson Davis, Associate Director, General Education Board; President New York State Colonization Society; President Booker Washington Institute of Liberia. Carnegie Visitor to Africa in 1935.

Mr. J. Merle Davis, Director of Social and Economic Research, International Missionary Council. Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry (1932); and Editor of its Report (1933) on "Modern Industry and the African".

Mr. Malcolm Davis, Associate Director of Division of Intercourse and Education of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and formerly its representative in Paris and Geneva.

Mr. Thomas S. Donohugh, Associate Secretary Board of Missions and Church Extension Methodist Church. (In charge of work for Africa)

Professor W. E. B. DuBois, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. Author of "Black Folk Then and Now". Long a close student of African problems.

Mr. John Foster Dulles (or his representative, Mr. Bradford S. Abernethy), Chairman of Committee to Study the Bases for a Just and Durable Peace, Federal Council of Churches.

Miss Mabel E. Emerson, Chairman of the Africa Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference.

Dr. George E. Haynes, Executive Secretary, Department of Race Relations, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Visitor to Africa.

Professor Charles S. Johnson, Department of Sociology, Fisk University. Member of League of Nations Commission to Investigate Forced Labor in Liberia, 1930.

Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, Educational Director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund; Chairman of Phelps-Stokes Fund Education Commissions to Africa in 1920-21 and 1923-24. (Dr. Jones thinks for reasons stated in Call for Meeting that he had better not serve on the final Committee.)

Dr. Frederick P. Keppel, President of Carnegie Corporation; Visitor to Africa in connection with the interests of the Corporation. (or his representative)

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Father John LaFarge, S.J., Associate Editor of "America", New York City. Authority on Negro Affairs.

Professor Rayford W. Logan, Professor of History, Howard University, Washington D.C. Leader of group studying status of Negro after present world war.

Dean Robert Stewart McClenahan, Dean Emeritus, American University of Cairo; now in Philadelphia.

Father J. P. Lucey, C.S.Sp., Ferndale College, formerly missionary in East Africa, attached to Apostolic Delegation in Mombasa.

General Frank Ross McCoy, Director of the Foreign Policy Association (Mr. L. E. Frechtling)

Mr. John H. Reisner, Executive Secretary, Agricultural Missions, Incorporated. Former Visitor to Africa.

Dr. Emory Ross, General Secretary, Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Former Missionary to Belgian Congo.

Dr. Wilbur A. Sawyer, Director International Health Division, Rockefeller Foundation. (or other representative of Foundation—Dr. George K. Strode)

Dr. George Schwab, former Missionary in Cameroons. Anthropologist. About to publish a Study of the Bassa Tribe through Harvard University.

Mr. Whitney Hart Shepardson, Board of Directors, Council on Foreign Relations, New York City.

Dr. James T. Shotwell, Professor of History, Columbia University; Director of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; President League of Nations Ass'n.

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, President Phelps-Stokes Fund; Carnegie Visitor to Africa.

Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Senior Secretary, Colored Work Department, National Council of Y.M.C.A.s.

Mr. Walter White, Secretary National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Dr. Joseph Henry Willits, Director for the Social Sciences, Rockefeller Foundation, New York (or Dr. Roger K. Evans)

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ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION
as
MEMBERS OF PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON AFRICA AND PEACE AIMS

Dr. Hamilton Fish Armstrong, Editor of Foreign Affairs.

Miss Mabel Carney, Professor of Rural Education, Teachers College, Columbia University. Has visited Africa.

Dr. Charles W. Coulter, Head of Department of Sociology, University of New Hampshire, Durham. Carnegie Visiting Professor to Universities of South Africa 1929-30; member of Commission to Study Poor White Problem in South Africa.

Mr. Edwin Clark Carter, Secretary General, Institute of Pacific Relations, N.Y.C.

Dr. Stephen P. Duggan, Director of International Institute of Education; member of New York State Colonization Society.

Professor Ellsworth Faris, former Chairman of Department of Sociology, University of Chicago; former missionary in Belgian Congo.

Mr. Thorold Field, Duluth, Minnesota. Engineer who has frequently visited Copper Mines in Africa.

Professor William Yandell Elliott, Department of Government, Harvard University. Member of Council on Foreign Affairs. Author of "The New British Empire".

Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President Julius Rosenwald Fund, Chicago.

Mr. R. L. Embree, former Educational Adviser of Liberian Government; Principal of Booker Washington Institute, Kakata, Liberia.

Mr. Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., President Firestone Plantations Company of Akron, O., and Liberia, West Africa.

Dr. Frank P. Graham, President University of North Carolina.

Professor Earnest A. Hooton, Professor of Anthropology, Harvard University, and

Curator of the Peabody Museum.

Dr. Edwin May Hursh, Professor of Sociology, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio. Former missionary of U.B.C. in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Mr. Eugene Kinckle Jones, Executive Secretary National Urban League; former Adviser on Negro Affairs to U. S. Department of Commerce.

Mr. Francis P. Miller, Field Secretary, Foreign Policy Association; Administrative Secretary World Student Christian Federation.

Dr. John R. Mott, Chairman World's Committee Y.M.C.A.s; Chairman International Missionary Council. Carnegie Visitor to Africa in 1934.

Professor Howard W. Odum, Director of Institute for Research in Social Sciences, University of North Carolina.

Rev. A. B. Parson, Associate Secretary National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Department of Foreign Missions, New York.

Dr. Frederick Douglass Patterson, President of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, New York City.

Mr. William Oscar Scroggs, Director of Information Service, Council on Foreign Relations, New York City.

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Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Acting President Wilberforce University; former Methodist Bishop in South Africa.

Mr. Max Yergan, Executive Director of Council on African Affairs, New York City. Formerly in charge of the work of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. in the Union of South Africa.

This list is merely tentative. It is hoped that other names may be suggested from which the membership of the Committee may be slightly increased.

Minutes of the Preliminary Meeting
of
COMMITTEE ON AFRICA AND PEACE AIMS
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Dr. Stokes convened the meeting and asked all present to stand in a silent prayer of consecration to the major purpose of the meeting--the advancement of the interests of the African people. He explained the proposals as indicated in his letter of August 8, 1941 and also in the Tentative Agenda, which had been sent to those invited.

The names of those present are listed below:

Mr. B. S. Abernethy
Dr. L. K. Anderson
Dr. Ralph J. Bunche
Mr. Jackson Davis
Mr. Malcolm W. Davis
Dr. Thomas S. Donohugh
Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Dr. Roger F. Evans
Mr. L. E. Frechtling
Dr. George E. Haynes
Professor Charles S. Johnson
Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones
Father John LaFarge
Professor Rayford W. Logan
Father J.P. Lucey
Dean Robert Stewart McClenahan
General Frank Ross McCoy
Mr. John H. Reisner
Dr. Emory Ross
Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
Dr. George K. Strode
Dr. Channing H. Tobias

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The others invited who were unable to accept the invitation for important reasons were:

Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell
Mr. J. Merle Davis
Mr. John Foster Dulles
Miss Mabel E. Emerson
Dr. Frederick P. Keppel
Dr. Wilbur A. Sawyer
Dr. George Schwab
Mr. Whitney Hart Shepardson
Dr. James T. Shotwell
Mr. Walter White
Dr. Joseph Henry Willits

The following were the most important decisions reached at the meeting on September 8th:

1. That it is desirable to form an independent Committee to formulate Peace Aims for Africa in the hope of influencing public opinion along wise lines.

2. That this Committee should be called the Committee on Africa and Peace Aims.

3. That Dr. Stokes be elected Acting Chairman of the Committee, and Dr. Tobias Acting Secretary.

4. That its major objectives should be the focussing of public attention on the wise, just and adequate treatment of Africa and Africans by the Peace Conference and the Colonial Powers.

5. That the Committee's statement should deal with fundamental principles and their major applications, and that it should deal with all the major economic and social problems of Africa.

6. That those who called the meeting were right in including only American citizens, with the understanding that non-Americans, including representative Native Africans, may be consulted.

7. That an Organizing Committee, which should also serve as a Drafting Committee, should be named by the Acting Chairman, of which he shall be one, to include 9 members with the right of the Committee to co-opt 2 additional members.

8. That under statement 10 in the Agenda should be added as (6) The important bearing of Africa on World Peace.

9. That all persons invited to the first meeting be approved as members of the Committee.

10. That the following additional names be added: Miss Mabel Carney, Teachers College, Columbia University; Dr. Charles W. Coulter, head of the Depart - ment of Sociology, University of New Hampshire; Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., former Methodist Bishop of South Africa; Dr. I. W. Underhill, of the Presbyterian Board, a former missionary to the Cameroons; Mr. Arthur Sweetser, long Director of the Information Service at the League of Nations; Miss Marian Cuthbert, General Secretary of the National Y. W. C. A.

11. That the next meeting of the Committee should be held at the call of the Acting Chairman some time in October.

12. That it would be desirable, if possible, to secure the cooperation of some outside agency such as the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, or the Foreign Policy Association in collecting and organizing material.

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The meeting adjourned at six o'clock.

Attest:

Channing H. Tobias
Acting Secretary

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CONFIDENTIAL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
Of
COMMITTEE ON AFRICA AND PEACE AIMS

Held in the Offices of the Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue, New York City

September 17, 1941, at 3: P. M.

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A duly called meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Committee on Africa and Peace Aims was held in the Phelps-Stokes Fund Offices in New York City on Wednesday, September 17th at 3: o'clock.

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There were present:

Mr. Jackson Davis
Mr. J. Merle Davis
Mr. Malcolm Davis
Father John LaFarge, S.J.
Dr. Emory Ross
Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes

Also by invitation Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones.

Dr. Stokes announced that he had named the following as members of the Committee:

Dr. Ralph Johnson Bunche
Mr. Jackson Davis
Mr. J. Merle Davis
Mr. Malcolm Davis
Mr. Thomas S. Donohugh
Professor Charles S. Johnson
Father John LaFarge, S.J.
Dr. Emory Ross
Dr. Channing H. Tobias

He said that all had accepted and that he had notified them under date of September 10th as to this meeting. He announced that Messrs. Bunche, Donohugh, Johnson and Tobias had written, explaining the reasons for their necessary absence, but that Dr. Tobias, being in New York, had gone over the actions taken at the Preliminary Meeting September 8, 1941, as presented in a memorandum by the Acting Chairman, as well as the proposed actions to be taken at this meeting, and had approved of them in principle.

He announced that owing to their official connections, Dr. Joseph Henry Willits and Dr. Roger K. Evans of the Rockefeller Foundation, although expressing great interest, had thought that they would best not be members of the Committee; and that for similar reasons General Frank Ross McCoy, of the Foreign Policy Association, stated that although he would gladly attend our meetings, he should not be considered as a voting member.

The Acting Chairman announced that acceptances for membership on the Committee had been received since the last meeting from Dr. Charles W. Coulter, Head of the Department of Sociology, University of New Hampshire; Miss Marion Cuthbert, Department of Study, Leadership Department, the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Associations; Dr. George Schwab, anthropologist and former Missionary in the Cameroons; Mr. Arthur Sweetser, Director Information Section, League of Nations, now at Princeton University; Mr. J. Merle Davis, Director of Social and Economic Research, International Missionary Council; and Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Acting President of Wilberforce University, former Methodist Bishop in South Africa.

The Acting Chairman reported that some of the members of the Committee had prevailed upon Dr. Jones to reconsider his decision that it would be wiser for him, in view of the possibility of his making a post war study of African educational conditions, not to be an actual member of the Committee on Africa and Peace Aims, and that he was now willing to serve. Thereupon the Committee duly elected Dr. Jones, who was on the original list presented at the Preliminary Meeting, to be a member of the Committee on Africa and Peace Aims.

The Committee, under the powers granted it by the General Committee, voted to add the following to the General Committee: Mr. Virginius Dabney, Editor of the Times Dispatch, Richmond, Virginia; Dr. Frederick Douglass Patterson, President of Tuskegee Institute; Mr. Francis P. Miller, Field Secretary of the Foreign Policy Association and Administrative Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation, Fairfax, Virginia.

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VOTED: That in accordance with the power granted it by the General Committee, Miss Mabel E. Emerson, Chairman of the Africa Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference, who is especially familiar with conditions in South Africa, be elected to serve on the Organizing Committee, as well as Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones.

The Acting Chairman announced that he had requested Dr. Jones, in cooperation with Dr. Emory Ross and Dr. Channing H. Tobias, to prepare some preliminary memoranda on Africa and Peace Aims for the consideration of the Organizing Committee. He thereupon called upon Dr. Jones to present some of their tentative suggestions.

Dr. Jones stated that there seemed to be two primary aspects of the matter: (1) the inner racial and interracial problems of Africa; and (2) the position of Africa in world relations.

He presented a tentative outline of a possible memorandum on Africa and Peace Aims as follows:

Chapter I. Africa and the U.S.A. in Peace Aims

"Eight Points" and peace in Africa, a searching test of democratic ideals

Mutual consciousness of Negro Americans and Native Africans

American services for and with Africa

American consciousness of European competition for African resources as causes of world strife and war

Chapter II. Roosevelt-Churchill Eight Point Peace Plan and African Welfare

In order to be realistic in the application of the "Eight Points" to present conditions and to the ultimate destiny of Africa and Africans, each Point is discussed definitely and concretely in relation to the rights and the welfare of the African people.

Chapter III. Supplementary and complementary values to Africa of Peace Plans by Governmental, Social and Religious Organizations

An analysis of the more important Peace Plans including the "Eight Points", President Roosevelt's "Four Freedoms", the British Ten Points by Anglicans and Catholics and Non-Conformists, Pope Pius XII on Peace and the Social Order, American Friends on "Dynamic Methods for Peace". The analysis integrates all the "Points" with the "Eight Points", and summarizes their supplementary values to the welfare and destiny of the African People

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Chapter IV. Basic Rights and Essentials to African Welfare

Brief discussions of such rights as Ownership and Use of Land; Personal Freedom and Labor Rights; Equitable Taxation System; Participation in Government; Access to Economic Resources with full regard for Native Rights; Mandates (with responsibility to some effective International Agency) for the development of Africa with justice to the Native Peoples; Freedom of Speech and Religion.

Brief presentation of the governmental and community provisions required for such social essentials as:

a. Health and Sanitation
b. Economic and especially Agricultural Resources
c. Sound Family Life and the Welfare of Women and Children
d. Cooperative Relationships of Racial and Social Groups however differentiated in origin and status
e. Educational System and Re-creational Program adequate in quantity and quality to enable all the people to make full use of their physical, mental, cultural and spiritual capacities

Chapter V. Africa, the Continent of Great Opportunities and Great Responsibilities

A brief summary of Africa as the "Great Question Mark Continent"; its material resources; its Native Peoples and their potentialities; the perplexing and erratic divisions of foreign governments ruling all but Ethiopia and Liberia in the Africa South of the Sahara, and Egypt in the Mediterranean Africa

Proposed Appendices

1. Full copies of Proposed Peace Plans

2. American Organizations concerned in Africa

3. Terms of the Mandate System

4. Selected Bibliography

5. Map of Africa showing Governmental Divisions

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After discussion it was

VOTED: That the Outline, as presented by Dr. Jones in cooperation with Dr. Ross and Dr. Tobias, be approved in principle as providing a satisfactory preliminary basis for developing the Report of the Committee.

VOTED: That the application of the Roosevelt-Churchill "Eight Points" to African welfare should be considered the heart of the Report, and that each of these "Eight Points" should be dealt with.

Dr. Jones also presented, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, some preliminary memoranda on "Africa and the United States in World Peace", on "Africa and Africans in Relation to World Peace", as well as certain tentative formulations of policy under each of the Points named.

VOTED: That the Acting Chairman be requested to name from the membership of the Organizing Committee a Committee of Four as an Editorial Committee, and that this Committee take under careful consideration the memoranda presented which are approved in principle as a preliminary basis for developing the Report under consideration, and to report back to the Organizing Committee their conclusions at their early convenience. The Acting Chairman announced that he would appoint as members of this Editorial Committee: Dr. Ross, Chairman, Professor Ralph Bunche, Dr. Charles S. Johnson and Dr. Jones, with the understanding that Dr. Tobias can act for any of these in case of necessary absence.

VOTED: That the Committee be requested to give consideration to the possibility of including statements on the following matters not adequately covered in the preliminary memoranda: the need of some form of effective international organization to carry out an improved Mandate Plan; the question of preventing the conscription of Native troops for service outside of home defense; the similarity between any economic and social problems in Africa and the United States; the need of guaranteeing religious freedom and the protection of missionaries of all faiths; the special dangers to Africa of the totalitarian point of view.

VOTED: That it would be both proper and advisable for the Editorial Committee to submit in confidence a draft of its preliminary Report, when in form satisfactory to it, and probably between the next meetings of the Organizing Committee and of the General Committee, to a few representative European authorities on Africa and representative Africans now in the United States for their suggestions and comments.

The Acting Chairman stated that it now looked as though the Report would be in the form of a brochure which the Phelps-Stokes Fund would finance for the Committee on Africa and Peace Aims, containing not only the manifesto but such other material as is outlined above, so that when put in final form it would provide a basis of sound African policy and of intelligent study for all interested.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M. to be called by the Acting Chairman at his discretion.

Attest: ANSON PHELPS STOKES, Acting Chairman

[Phelps-Stokes]

22 October 1941

My dear Mr. Stokes:

This letter is concerning the committee on Africa. I have read with interest the report of the meeting of the organizing committee September 17. I think that the tentative outline prepared by Dr. Jones on Africa and Peace Aims would be an excellent program which any authorized body should consider for final recommendations. But it seems to me preliminary to such a statement our committee ought to send out a more succinct and definite sumation of its point of view; coming immediately to grips with certain fundamental matters upon which there might develop serious difference of opinion. At the first meeting of our committee I had such a statement in my pocket but I did not present it as it did not seem opportune time. I am, therefore, sending this statement to you with some modifications and if you think best, I should like to have you put it before the next meeting of your organizing committee.

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Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes
Lenox
Massachusetts

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22 October 1941

My dear Mr. Stokes:

Answering your letter of September 24, with regard to the final work on the Encyclopaedia of the Negro: first, I should like to have you send me the card catalogue of subjects made by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Johnson. I went over it once but I think I ought to go through it a second time. Secondly, do you happen to have in the office an extra mimeographed copy of the preliminary survey for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro which we got out September 1, 1938. It contains the bibliographical notes made by Mr. Logan which were omitted from the final typewritten report made April 1, 1940. I think that in the final report these notes in somewhat abbreviated form must be restored and, of course, added to. If you do not have an extra copy, I will use the copy that I have but it will involve a good deal of re-copying.

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The main work of selecting alphabetical lists of subjects is done as far as possible. I shall adhere to the subjects which we put down in the report of April 1, 1940 but I will, of course, go over them again and there will be a few changes and I shall want Mr. Logan to go over them carefully.

Then there must be added additional bibliographical notes, that is, each main entry must have at least one reference. Of course, it is going to be exceedingly difficult to choose single books for many of these subjects but I shall do my best and there lies the chief work. The other matters such as the introduction, the tentative division of space and lists of major articles and the other things on your list are practically done. At any rate I do not think that much more time should be spent on this.

The next question is the cost of what we propose to do: (a) the cost of the final mimeographing and distribution which, of course, can only be determined by your office after the compilation is finished. (b) the cost of a final check-up on the alphabetical list of major subjects for an encyclopaedia and the insertion of bibliographical notes in addition to those suggested by Mr. Logan for our first list and the putting of all this in proper shape for final mimeographing. In my office I shall have to use as much of Miss Diggs' time as I can so as to not interfere with work on Phylon and for the University. To help her I shall have to have an extra typist. Something will have to be paid to Mr. Logan in Washington

for final criticism and suggestions which he will be able to do with the help of his brother. I do not see how this can be done properly for less than $750 but I shall try to do it within the appropriation of $500. If I begin to run beyond $500, I will let you know as early as possible. In the meantime I will communicate with Mr. Logan.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
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18-35-81

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am in receipt of your important letter of October 22nd with reference to Africa and Peace Aims. Your four page memorandum enclosed is an extremely stimulating document and will certainly be presented in full to our Organizing Committee. It goes to the heart of many problems, and although I would personally feel like modifying slightly a few of the statements, I am in substantial sympathy with your position. It was good of you to take the time to make such a very clear-cut presentation of your position.

We have been a bit slowed in our work by the absence of Dr. Ross, the hospital siege of Dr. Jones and the illness of one of our secretaries, but I am sure that our organizing Committee will meet again within a few weeks.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

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October 30, 1941

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I have your important letter of October 22nd regarding the Encyclopedia of the Negro. I would reply to your various questions as follows:

1. That I have sent you by express today the card catalogue of subjects made by Professor and Mrs. Guy Johnson. It was done so carefully that I think you are right in giving it special consideration.

2. I am glad to say that I have found an extra copy of the material which you and Professor Logan prepared in the fall of 1938, covering the subjects for the Encyclopedia with brief bibliographical notes. As you know, I lay great emphasis on this list and the bibliographical suggestions. I think you are right in saying that there should be at least one reference under each entry. I note, for instance, a good many bibliographical references to the Dictionary of American Biography. That is generally adequate, as it always contains additional references. I think you will agree with me that it is important in matters where there is great difference of opinion such as various phases of reconstruction to have different points of view represented, but the important thing is to have the best objective accounts that we can.

3. As to appropriations, I am recommending to the Trustees when they meet on November 19th:

a. That we continue our subscription of $100 to Phylon for biographical articles.

b. That we appropriate $650 to you for editorial services of yourself, Professor Logan or whomever else you may ask, as well as for clerical expenses in connection with preparing the bibliographical and other material for our proposed publication.

c. That the Board continue its $500 grant to the office for mimeographing the material. Of course we may have to extend this last amount.

4. You will be pleased to know that I have heard from a majority of the Trustees of the Encyclopedia, and they have ratified the various

proposals contained in my letter of October 10th, of which for purposes of record I am sending you a copy herewith. Several of the Trustees spoke particularly of their pleasure to hear that we were getting out this preliminary volume with its list of subjects and bibliographical suggestions.

With kind regards, as always,

Very sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

APS
RLH

18-35-18

P. S. The new Dictionary of American History, edited by Truslow Adams, seems to me excellent. It might perhaps be used in somewhat the same way as you have used the Dictionary of American Biography for the less important subjects. It generally contains good bibliographies, although as is frankly stated in the Preface, it tends to use works that can be found in the average good library rather than the less familiar research works.

It might be well for us to work out a small list of titles of books dealing specifically with the Negro which should be included in any reasonably good public library. Of this I am not sure. Possibly this is already covered in some of the lists of the American Library Association.

Copies to:

Professor Logan
Dr. Guy Johnson

I find that I still need one (1) more letter of approval which will doubtless come in a day or two. There have been no dissents.

To the Trustees of the Encyclopedia of the Negro
c/o

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October 10, 1941

Dear Sir:

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Encyclopedia of the Negro was held at the office of the Phelps-Stokes Fund on Tuesday, September 9, 1941. The following recommendations, which require the approval of the Directors, were taken:

1. The election of Dr. Charles H. Thompson, Editor of the Journal of Negro Education, and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Howard University, as a member of the Board in place of the late Dr. Robert R. Moton.

2. The election of Professor Howard W. Odum, Director of the Institute for Research in Social Sciences, University of North Carolina, as a member of the Board in place of the late Dr. C. T. Loram.

3. The election of Professor Charles S. Johnson, of Fisk University, long a member of our Board of Directors, to be first Vice-Chairman in place of the late Dr. Robert R. Moton.

4. The election of Dr. W. W. Alexander, formerly Executive Director of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and now Associate Director of the Rosenwald Fund, long a member of our Board of Directors, as second Vice-Chairman in place of the late Dr. James Hardy Dillard.

All of the persons named have been communicated with, have expressed their deep interest in the Encyclopedia and have indicated their willingness to serve, in the capacities named, if the Directors ratify their nominations.

The Executive Committee decided, that as funds were not available at this time to go ahead with the entire Encyclopedia Project, a preliminary mimeographed volume should be issued entitled "Encyclopedia of the Negro,-- Documents covering Plans, History and Bibliographical Material". It is believed that this book will prove invaluable in four ways:

(1) As a bibliographical guide to students. It will contain an alphabetical list of about 3,000 subjects which Professors DuBois, Guy Johnson and Logan think it would be appropriate to include in the Encyclopedia, with bibliographical references.

(2) As an important historical record of the movement of interracial cooperation among scholars in the interest of the Negro.

(3) As a means of keeping alive interest in the Encyclopedia Project until such time after the war as it can be properly financed.

(4) As material on which the Editors in the future may base their work.

I enclose a tentative copy of the proposed Table of Contents so that members of the Board of Directors may realize its scope. The Phelps-Stokes Fund hopes to be able to finance this publication.

Hoping to secure your written approval of the four nominations proposed and bespeaking your continued interest in the Encyclopedia of the Negro Project, I am,

Sincerely yours,

APS:DAS

Chairman

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Please find enclosed clipping from The Philadelphia Tribune of January 23, which carries stroy that should be of interest to you.

Very sincerely yours,

G. James Fleming

G. James Fleming
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14th January, 1941.

Asylum Institute

19-27-43

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Box 356,
Atlanta University,
ATLANTA, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have just returned from my long tour of the Universities, Canadian Clubs, and Institutes of Inter-national Affairs.

I have been moving almost every day since September.

Could you now manage to let me have an idea of the dates which you have in view?

With very best wishes for the coming year,

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Philipps.

Tracy PHILIPPS.

1241 Peel Street,
Montreal, P. Q.

31 January 1941

18-27-44

My dear Mr. Philipps:

I am sorry to have been so long in answering your letter but I have been trying to find a date for our conference. The conference will probably be held April tenth, eleventh and twelfth in Atlanta. I should be very glad indeed if you could be present. The general subject is THE ECONOMIC CONDITION OF THE NEGRO IN THE UNITED STATES but we should be very glad to have some sidelights on analagous conditions in Africa.

Yours with best regards,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Tracy Philipps
1241 Peel Street
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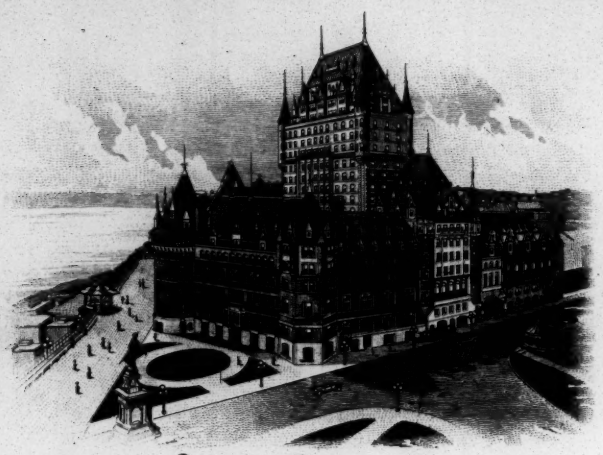

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Phelps Institute

18-27-48

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Box 356, Atlanta University,
ATLANTA, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

Thank you for your letter of the 31st of January, received today.

I note the dates of April 10, 11 and 12th in Atlanta. If everything goes according to plan, I shall hope to be there with you.

Perhaps it might be possible to profit by the occasion to visit some of the other universities at the same time? I do not know conditions at the present time in Howard or Tuskegee.

Could you, in due course, let me have some details of how the discussions will be arranged?

With kind regards, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Philipps

Tracy PHILIPPS

1241 Peel Street,
Montreal, P.Q.

24 February 1941

My dear Mr. Philipps:

18-27-5

We are still having trouble getting that date of our straight but we have finally fixed it for April seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth. On any one of these days we would be very glad indeed to have your present. I am sending you enclosed a general statement concerning the conference.

Remember that the P. O. Box 356 refers to Atlanta University and not to the city post office.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Tracy Philipps
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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Box 356
Atlanta University
ATLANTA, Ga.

18-27-50
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Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Very many thanks for your letter in which you are kind enough to give me the revised dates.

I shall do my best to be there beforehand in order to have the chance of a long talk with you before you are plunged into the midst of the Congress, when you will be in such demand, I expect, as to be almost inaccessible.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Phillipps.

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18-27-45

Dear Dr. duBois,

Owing to the Foreign Exchange Control which lets out only $ five for travellers from Canada, could you let me have an approximate idea to what expenses will amount while in ATLANTA? I understand that the Phelps-Stokes Fund are very kindly voting "$200 for fares & food en route". Yours sincerely

Tracy Philipps.

3 April 1941

18-27-46

My dear Mr. Philipps:

Answering your kind letter of March 24, I beg to say that expenses at the best hotels in Atlanta: The Biltmore and Henry Grady are three, four and five dollars a day for a single room with private bath. Meals, of course, would be extra. On the other hand, we could reserve you a room here for the three days of the conference without charge either for room or board but naturally the accomodations would not be as good as at the hotel and the food would be inferior but you would be welcome. I shall write you further concerning the program.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Tracy Philipps
1241 Peel Street
Montreal, Canada

7 April 1941

My dear Mr. Philipps:

18-72-81 47

Following up my recent letter, I want to ask if you could make a short statement, perhaps a half hour in length at a public meeting on a subject like this: "After the present war and in case the British Commonwealth of Nations survives how far are the British people willing to regard their colored subjects in Africa and Asia as existing for their own good, capable of education to develop their own abilities and organize to produce goods and furnish services for their own best development and not for the profit or convenience of England and the white world?"

I should like to have a frank statement before representatives of some forty American Negro institutions of learning as to the application not only of political but industrial and spiritual democracy among the majority of people who make up the Empire.

I hope you can prepare such a statement and later let us publish it.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Tracy Philipps
1241 Peel Street
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[April 10, 1941 - Tracy Philipps]

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Dear Dr. duBois,

18-27-81

Thankyou for your kind letter.
I will wire the time of my arrival.
I got TODAY your letter with the
suggested subject of a talk.
Unfortunately my mail was swept
away by an overzealous secretary.
Can you send me urgently, by AIR
& return post, a copy of the terms
of the suggested subject. Looking
forward to seeing you again.
Believe me yours sincerely
Tracy Philipps.

10 April 1941

18-22-25-81

My dear Mr. Philipps:

We are getting matters in final shape now. Your speech will take place in a fairly small room before an audience of two or three hundred persons about half of whom will be special trained persons in sociology and economics from Negro colleges throughout the South. We are counting upon your presence.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Tracy Philipps
1241 Peel Street
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[April 14, 1941 - Tracy Philipps]

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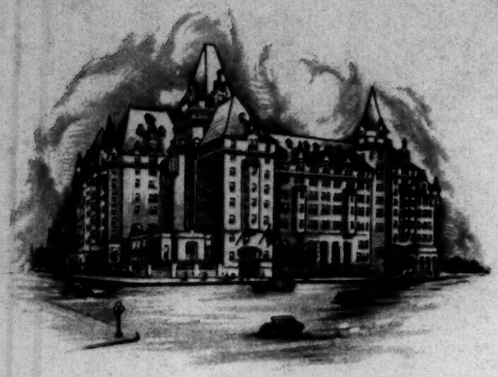

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8-27-53

Dear Dr. duBois,

I hope to reach Atlanta at 8.40 a.m. on Thursday (16th)

Looking forward to seeing you

Yours sincerely

Tracy Philipps.

In case you want to catch me en route, I shall be seeing the Phelps-Stokes office for an hour or so on my way through, arriving N.Y. (Penn. Sta) 8.12 a.m. WED.

[PITTSBURGH COURIER]

28 March 1941

18-35-11

My dear Mr. Prattis:

I understand that Mr. Horace R. Cayton is one of your staff writers. I wish very much you would send him down here to the FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE and Twenty-Fifth Atlanta University Conference. This is a revival of the old conferences which began the scientific study of the Negro in America in 1896 and carried on until the first World War. We meet April 17, 18 and 19.

We are beginning this year a scientific study of the economic condition and trends of the American Negro looking toward planning for the Negro's industrial survival after the present war. Some forty delegates representing all of the chief Negro institutions and many expert economists are meeting here. I should especially like to have Mr. Cayton present both because of his standing as an economist and as a representative of your journal. Will you not consider sending him?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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2628 Centre Avenue

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BUSINESS OFFICE

March 31, 1941

10-33-10

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois,
Box 356,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Dubois:

We would certainly want to have Mr. Cayton cover the First Phylon Institute.

However, Mr. Cayton lives in Chicago and the cost for transportation and service might be prohibitive.

If we cannot see our way clear to send Mr. Cayton, we shall try to find a good economist and reporter closer or shall ask you to select one of the good men who does attend the institute to cover it for us. In that case, we will pay him for service.

Yours very truly,

THE PITTSBURGH COURIER PUBLISHING CO.

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Executive Editor

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[PITTSBURGH COURIER]

9 April 1941

18-33-9

My dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 31, I beg to say that there probably will not be much to attract a reporter at our PHYLON INSTITUTE of April 17, 18 and 19. It is a meeting of students and experts for study and conference with only one modest public meeting. We are seeking to start long term planning for the economic future of the Negro based on wide and extensive study of conditions all over the United States. It is for this reason that we want Mr. Cayton. He could be of double service: giving you whatever there is of real news to report and giving it much better than a regular news reporter; while on the other hand we would have the advantage of his trained knowledge and experience.

Of course, I realize this is asking a good deal for you to do.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. P. L. Prattis
Pittsburgh Courier
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February 1, 1941

Dr W E B DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-22-13

Dear Dr DuBois:

I want to take this occasion to express to you our great pleasure in having you as the guest of our institution and home on the occasion of the School of Philosophy. You made a substantial contribution to this meeting, and I want to take this occasion to thank you for giving us this much of your time.

We want you to always feel free to come to Prairie View at any time it suits your convenience.

You have my best wishes for continued success and good health.

I am

Yours truly,

W R Banks
Principal

WRB:W

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February 17, 1941

641-44-81

Dr W E B DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr DuBois:

I am designating Professor Henry Allen Bullock, of Prairie View State College, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Educational Conferences here to join with you in the development of the proposed conference contained in your letter to me of February 15. Mr Bullock is one of the most capable men we have, and, I am certain he would be anxious to cooperate in the development of this very important Institute, you plan for Atlanta, April 17-18-19, 1941.

I am

Yours truly,

W R Banks
Principal

WRB:W
cc: Mr H A Bullock
Campus

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

March 11, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Professor of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

18-41-91

I am very glad to have an opportunity to participate in your first Phylon Institute. However, I wish to state that my interest in the economic conditions and social trends of the American Negro has been much greater than my production of studies. I can recall three studies with which I have been connected that may give some pertinent facts on Negroes in this area. These studies as given below are:

1. The Status of Negro Health and Child Welfare in Texas - Proceedings of the 5th Educational Conference.

2. Vocational Opportunities for Negroes in Texas Proceedings of the 7th Educational Conference.

3. The Status of Negro Cime and Delinquency in Texas - Proceedings of the 11th Educational Conferance.

At the present, I am attempting to complete a problem for my doctoral paper. This problem, I am calling, "The Relation of Ecological and Social Organization in the Rural Community of Hempstead, Texas. This study is an attempt to define the nature of the division of labor between village center and the hinterland, to spatially delimit this area, and to spatially delimit those areas of intense social relationship among Negroes.

I would be very glad to attempt at any time, which you consider necessary, the development of a bibliography of material available concerning the Negro in the Southwest. I am afraid, however, that this bibliography would not be very lengthy since so few studies have been made in this area.

I shall make a desperate attempt to be present at your meeting since I am anxious to get such experience. In a conference with Principal Banks, I shall begin the development of my plans for the trip.

Respectfully yours,

H. A. Bullock

H A Bullock

4 April 1941

2b-14-81

My dear Mr. Bullock:

I am very glad to know that you are coming to our conference April 17, 18 and 19 and we would be especially glad to have the bibliography concerning the Negro in the Southwest and any other facts that you can gather on the economic condition of the Negro.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. H. A. Bullock
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

April 9, 1941

68-14-81

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Professor of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Enclosed you will find a copy of bibliography of literature pertaining to the Social and Economic Conditions of Negroes in the Southwest. All of these sources do not directly pertain to the Negro. However, they may be useful in an indirect manner.

Dr. F. G. Davis and I expect to arrive Wednesday evening, April 16. We shall be prepared to fit into your program in a manner most conducive to the realization of your purposes.

Respectfully yours,

H. A. Bullock

HAB:gw

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10 April 1941

051-44-81

My dear Mr. Banks:

I wish I could be sure that you were coming to the PHYLON INSTITUTE. You know how much you are going to be needed. I am enclosing the tentative program. We have had no cooperation at all from the administration except consent to hold the meeting. We need you to give it strength. If you can possibly be with us, do so. I have not put your name down on the program because of the uncertainty but I would be only too glad to put your name anywhere you like but preferrably at the Friday night meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President W. R. Banks
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

April 12, 1941

Dr W E B DuBois
Atlanta University
Box 356
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr DuBois:

18-44-151

I regret that it will not be possible for me to be in Atlanta the next week-end because of the Annual Interscholastic League Meet of Colored Schools will be held at Prairie View State College on Friday and Saturday, April 18-19. Professor H A Bullock, and possibly, Dr F G Davis will represent Prairie View. This date comes too close to the Annual Meeting of the Trustees for me to participate in it.

As long as the Legislature is in session, it is very necessary that I stay close to my base of operation. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to work with you in this initial meeting, in an effort to assist you in pushing it in the proper direction.

I am

Yours truly,

W R Banks
Principal

WRB:W

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

October 20, 1941

Air Mail

Dr W E B DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-22-19

Dear Dr DuBois:

The proposed topic for our Thirteenth Educational Conference is "THE TEXAS NEGRO DOMESTIC SERVANT AS A PERSONALITY TYPE."

I should be pleased to have you give me your frank opinion about this subject, and, make such suggestions as you deem advisable. As you know, about one-third of the gainfully employed Negroes are domestic servants.

I trust that you are having a good year.

We are all quite well with the exception of Mrs Cannon, who is not getting along as well as we should like to see her. She is now permanently confined to her bed now, but she keeps cheerful.

I am

Yours truly,

W. R. Banks

W R Banks
Principal

WRB:W

22 October 1941

My dear Mr. Banks:

Answering your letter of October 20, may I say that I do not like the phrasing of your proposed topic for the THIRTEENTH EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE. I do not think that the Texas Negro domestic servant forms a distinct personality type. I think that on the contrary the Negro servant in Texas and elsewhere must be regarded from three points of view: one, as a person who is contributing an indispensable social service. Second, as an economic refugee, that is, as a person unable to find employment which he wants or is fitted for or might be fitted for becomes a servant as a temporary way of making a living with the idea of escaping from it as soon as possible. And third, as a social caste, that is, a person doing a type of work which is regarded by the community as entailing a stigma and a certain social degradation.

18-22-20

I would suggest, therefore, that your topic be THE TEXAS NEGRO DOMESTIC SERVANT CONSIDERED AS A SOCIAL CASTE, AS AN ECONOMIC REFUGEE AND AS AN INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTOR TO INDISPENSABLE SOCIAL SERVICE.

I think we should frankly face these three aspects of the servant. Usually we consider only one or only one at a time. We try to keep our children and the children of the best Negroes out of domestic service because it is so widely regarded as a lower caste. Then we sometimes study domestic service in relation to other employment and note that it rises and falls in wages and conditions of work as other occupations fall and rise. Now and then we try to consider the servant as a valuable worker; as a person who performs a type of social labor which is not only indispensable but of the highest economic importance and we know perfectly well that whenever or wherever the caste stigma has been taken from domestic service and the wages and conditions of work raised to a decent level that this has become as important a profession as any.

The year here is going about as usual. I have a great deal of important literary work together with Phylon and Miss Diggs and I are busy pushing it along. Please give my best regards to Mrs. Banks and to Mrs. Cannon. I often think of them both and am venturing to write to Mrs. Cannon by this mail.

Very sincerely yours,

President W. R. Banks
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

23 October 1941

18-22-21

Memo to Mr. Banks:

NEGRO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN TEXAS:
AS A CASTE, AS MALADJUSTED LABOR, AND AS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE OF THE HIGHEST SOCIAL VALUE.

W. E. B. Du Bois

President W. R. Banks
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

2 April 1941

18-37-25

My dear Elizabeth:

I have just seen a list of the Guggenheim Awards and note the absence of your name with deep regret. The persons on the spot who know the jurors, of course, have the best chance and on the other hand, there is an enormous number of applicants. It is easy to say this but don't get discouraged. Keep your chin up and work on. Let me hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss N. Elizabeth Prophet
Atlanta University
Atlanta

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18-39-5

Dr.W.E.B.Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr.Du Bois:

I beg your pardon for not having answered any earlier your kind letter of the 7th ult. I was out of town all this time.

I received on time the words you so kindly left for me saying goodbye to our people, for which I thank you very much.

The "Diario de la Marina" refused to publish same because they are not in very good ~~standing~~ humor with Dr.Fernando Ortiz and Dr.Céspedes. But I published same through my radio daily "RADIOFLASH", which has a very wide audience, and your thoughts and hints have been very much appreciated.

Miss Diggs have been so kind as to send me one copy of your nice review "PHYLON", which I begin to read now. I find it so interesiting that I am writing her to acknowledge same and to ask her about the price for one year subscription.

Very sincerely yours,

G. E. Urrutia

Gustavo E.Urrutia

[Mrs. Inella Redmon, Atlanta, Georgia]

18-31-1

(Mrs) Inella Redmon
1812 E. Eager St
City

June 1, 1941.

Dr. W.E.B. Dubois
2392 Montebello Terrace
City

Request to read manuscript

Dear Dr. Dubois:

Composing a letter to your honor is quite a task. However I shall not bore you further with my unexpected apology.

Dr Dubois, the purpose of my letter to you is my effort to gain your interest in me, who in my own poor judgement is an undiscovered Writer.

To inform you further about myself I might state that I am now 21 years old

over

And that I have been possessed with an ambition to become a contributor to Negro literature for quite a number of years. Beginning at early youth and continuing throughout my high school session.

I am well aware of the fact that you are now exercising the act of retirement. But may I be frank to say that a word of encouragement from the Character you are is sufficient to contribute a tender lying phase to my ambition.

May I have the pleasure of meeting you at your own convience?

All I need is some substantial advice either affirmative or negitave.

12-31-2

My Creed.

I want to stand up close to God
Away from evil men
I want the Lord to hold my hand
And lead me to my goal.

18-31-3

I want to walk and talk with him
In my own language clear
I want to be a woman bold
Whose heart is free from sin.

If I can walk beside the Lord
I know I'll never fail
Someday I'll be a writer brave
And God will be my guide.

Someday I'll look up at the sky
And tell you what I see
A painter's work of blue and white
And God the painter be.

Wherever I see a sinner man
Whose sins have many been
I'll simply walk right up to him
I'll know just what to say.

Will listen tenderly to me
Hear every word I say
In sin will take me by my hand
and say I'll go your way.
Then as I walk along with him
along life's rugged way
I'll have a man to hold my hand
and pray with me each day.
Each others burdens we will bear.
Each others joys will share
Will keep the straight and narrow way
and lead each other home.

Originally Yours
(Mrs) Nella Redmon.

10-31-37

7 July 1941

18-31-5

My dear Madam:

Your letter of June first found me in Cuba. I am now in Atlanta and shall be here until the middle of July. I shall reach Baltimore late in July. If I can be of any service to you then I shall be glad to but I may say frankly that your poetry does not show any gift for writing. It seems to me that you need to read and study a great deal before you attempt to write.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Inella Redmon
1812 East Eager Street
Atlanta, Georgia

[November 20, 1941]
[Reavers]

Box 544,
Nassau, N.P.
Bahamas B.W.I.
11th of 20/40.

33-3-94

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University,
Atlanta Ga. USA

Dear Dr. Dubois,

Sometime ago, I had the pleasure of meeting you thru a friend of mine Dr. Elsie Clews Parsons of 76-E out 73 St. New York. During our conversation you informed me that you had an uncle who lived in the Bahamas years ago, and had a plantation on the Island of Eleuthera (Settlement called Dubois") As Eleuthera is now just being developed by foreign capitalists I thought the enclosed clipping might interest you.

Sometime ago I read where you were planning

a trip to the West Indies in search of material for a book you are about to write. I had somewhat expecting you to pay a visit to the Bahamas. I feel sure you will find quite a bit of suitable material here for your book. We are however hoping that you may some day find it convenient to visit here.

With best wishes,

Very truly Yours,

Richard H. Reeves.

PROGRESSIVE ELEUTHERA

BRIGHT FUTURE IN STORE FOR HISTORIC OUT ISLAND

Historic Eleuthera, the Colony's most progressive out island, is attracting more than ever the popular fancy of visitors to the Bahamas. The most recent of our English residents to buy property there is Lady Pascoe-Rutter, who is staying at Carefree on Cable Beach. She has purchased a water front property near Palmetto Point for future development.

The settlement that shows the greatest promise, however, is picturesque Governor's Harbour, famous in the olden days for its pineapple industry. Captain the Hon. E. B. Meade is one of those, who, having come out from England a few years ago, has seen the possibilities which this small, but important pleasure spot has to offer. He and Mrs. Meade have recently cleared some of their property and excavated a large hole which is being made into a rain water tank. They have also bought a large estate at Palmetto Point.

Early to recognize the charm of Governor's Harbour, Rosita Forbes, who acquired large acreage and later built Unicorn Cay, her island home on the north shore, has been developing property for Lord Monsell, a few hundred yards from her estate. Mr. R. T. Symonette, who built Unicorn Cay, was, with his usual enterprise, one of the first to turn vision into reality, and acquired over 125 acres of land near the settlement. The six cabins which he has built on the north shore overlooking the ocean, are almost completed, and much of his property has been planted out in tomato crops, which, after abundant rains, show promise of yielding a rich harvest. It is hoped that this fine example in agricultural development will be followed by the small colony of visitors who are making that section of the island their home. Fortunately for Governor's Harbour, Haynes Library is a close second to the Nassau Library and is well stocked with British and American periodicals, including many of the most noteworthy, supported by a very ample section of classical works.

To keep pace with the rapid growth of the island the Government have been financing the reconstruction of the road leading from Governor's Harbour to Hatchet Bay. A portion of it, extending towards Hatchet Bay for a distance of three miles, has been asphalted to a width of 12 to 13 feet. A small grant has also been provided to repair certain bad sections between Palmetto Point and Governor's Harbour, in readiness for suitable transport of tomatoes during the season, and to make travelling for the residents in that neighbourhood more pleasurable. Aware of the island's potentialities and its consequent need of proper roads, the Government has given support in various sections; but it is hoped that they will continue to extend the roads and public services to keep abreast of private enterprises. Chiefly worthy of Governmental support is an asphalt road to connect Hatchet Bay, Governor's Harbour and Rock Sound; a road of moderate dimensions for the present, to be widened as traffic warrants.

The recent road construction is a resumption of work held in abeyance for thirteen years. The original road was built at the time when a group of retired officers of the British Army and Navy, headed by Major George Benson, started a small development at Hatchet Bay, following in the footsteps of Captain William Sayle and his band of venturesome spirits, who, incorporated in 1647 under the name of the Company of Eleutherian Adventurers, left their native England to seek their fortunes on the Island of Eleuthera. Unfortunately, Major Benson's scheme failed, and Hatchet Bay once more lapsed into somnolence. Years later, Mr. Austin T. Levy acquired large property holdings and commenced the enterprise which to-day, is a model agricultural development.

Three Bays Farms are rushing their road into Rock Sound, and it gives every indication of being an excellent highway. The agricultural enterprise of Mr. Arthur V. Davis, at Three Bays, is showing wonderful results, and the tomato crops look especially well. At Tarpum Bay minor repairs are being made to the wharf, in preparation for ships docking to take on tomatoes for Nassau, to be shipped to Canada.

Modern little Hatchet Bay gives one something new to admire every day. Large acres of scrub land are constantly being cleared and, soon after, green fields come up which rival the pastures of Connecticut. More docks are being constructed for Eleuthera, Ltd.'s boats, further evidence of the steady growth of this model agricultural centre.

WAR MATERIALS COMMITTEE

PERSONAL

15 May 1941

Dear Mrs. Reid:

I am awfully sorry but I have an engagement for another breakfast Sunday which I can't get out of; and even I could hardly assimilate two breakfasts.

Yours in deep distress,

Mrs. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta

Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

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February 21, 1941

18-35-92

Request for information

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois

I have a very short time in which to prepare a paper on the "Contributions of the Negro to American Civilization." Because of the shortness of time that will not admit of an extended research on the subject, I thought you might be good enough to suggest some works from which I could gather the necessary information. I know you have pointed out some of these contributions in your writings. I should appreciate your including any of your own works which would aid in this task.

With many thanks to you and with every good wish, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Harry W. Roberts

Harry W. Roberts, Head
Department of Sociology

HWR:IB

3 March 1941

18-35-93

My dear Mr. Roberts:

I am sorry that your letter of February 21 has escaped my attention until just now. You will find on pages 217 and 218 of my book BLACK FOLK: THEN AND NOW a short summary of the contribution of Negroes to American civilization. Also chapter six of the same book might interest you. Part V of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science for November, 1928 has some matter and, of course, you know Brawley's NEGRO GENIUS. I hope these references may help you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Harry W. Roberts
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

6 [Bernard Robinson]

18-31-57

17 January 1941

Bernard Robinson has a good mind but varies in his application. When he wants to work hard he can make excellent progress but he does not always do his best. I think, however, he has developed in the last year or so and may be good material for further study.

W. E. B. Du Bois

Department of Sociology

19 February 1941

Dear Mr. Robinson:

We are beginning sociological seminars tonight in my room, 234 Atlanta University Dormitories. We shall be glad to have you attend regularly and won't you bring Mrs. Robinson along if she is still in town.

Very sincerely yours,

18-37-3

Mr. Bernard Robinson
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

227 GRANT STREET

MACON, GEORGIA

September, 13, 1941

Request for information

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

Atlanta University

Atlanta, Georgia.

18-35-52

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am a Fiskite and I am writing you for some information because you are a Fiskite and an author and you are able to give me the information that I need.

I have written a manuscript that is fiction. It is called Machines of Society and I am anxious to get it published. Will you please tell me if manuscripts are supposed to be criticized before they are accepted by publishing companies? If so, what persons are eligible critics and what is the usual fee? Will you refer me to some critic?

I shall appreciate any information that you may give me. Enclosed you will find a stamped addressed envelope for a reply.

Very truly yours,

Viktoria A Robinson

18-35-53

26 September 1941

My dear Madam:

There is no rule about manuscripts. If, of course, you know somebody upon whose ability and interest you can rely who will criticize your manuscript, it would be well to have it criticized. However, all publishers have readers who pass on manuscripts which are sent in.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Etholia A. Robinson
227 Grant Street
Macon, Georgia

FERNANDO ROMERO
Casilla 1161
Lima, Peru

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Dr. Du Bois

a. 6. Department of Sociology

New Orleans, March 2, 1941

Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta

Dear Sir:

As you will be informed by communications from Dr. Ch. Thomson, Director of the Division of Cultural Relations of the Department of State, in my tour through the United States there is included a stop at your University, which, I understand, you kindly invited.

Accordingly, I plan to leave this city on the 10:15 p. m. train Tuesday, the 4th, to spend some 10 days in Atlanta, the length of time depending upon certain communications which I am expecting from Cuba, since I have received an invitation from Dr. Fernando Ortiz to speak at two conferences in Havana.

My interest in the studies of the Negro is more than of a mere historical nature, since I am preparing a book which will deal with the influence of the race in the coastal portion of the western part of America. Then, I am also interested in African survivals in the United States, for the purpose of making comparisons. From a strictly human point of view, I am interested in knowing the actual situation of the man of color in the United States.

As I have had enough of living in American hotels, if the University cannot lodge me on its campus, I should prefer to trouble you to secure lodging for me in some private home; that is to say, I should like to live "on the inside" (in the bosom) of a family. I am not acquainted with this aspect of the life of the white middle-class American, and there is nothing better than living in a home to acquire this knowledge.

I have letters of introduction for the following persons: Dr. DuBois, Mr. R. B. Eleazer, R. L. Cousins; moreover, a mutual friend has written to Messrs. Ira de A. Reid and J. C. Boehn regarding my passing through your city. I should be very grateful to you if you would inform these persons of my coming arrival, and also if you could send someone to meet me at the railroad station.

Until I have the honor of meeting you personally, I am sending herewith some biographical data by way of introduction.

Asking that you excuse so much trouble, and hoping to meet you soon, I am

Sincerely yours

(Signed) F. Romero

416-5-158

[Rosenwald, Julius, Fund]

13 February 1941

My dear Mr. Embree:

I am getting in contact with all of the heads of the land grant colleges and most of the other important Negro institutions to get them back of my plan for a conference on the economic status and trends of the American Negro with a view to economic planning for this minority group in a series of future conferences. Mr. Banks of Prairie View, Mr. Patterson of Tuskegee, Mr. Gandy of Virginia State, and Mr. Clark of Southern have all expressed great interest and desire to take part. I am writing others and sending you attached a general statement of our object. I hope you are still interested.

12-31-36

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Edwin R. Embree
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Chicago

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DR W E B DUBOIS=

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY YL=

UNDERSTAND YOU ARE TO BE IN CHICAGO FEBRUARY 17.
UNFORTUNATELY I WILL BE AWAY BUT COULD YOU MEET WITH ARNA
BONTEMPS AND STATE DIRECTORS OF ILLINOIS WRITERS PROJECT
TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF REVIVING NEGRO ENCYCLOPEDIA
WITH COLLABORATION OF WPA AT LUNCHEON AT FUND ON THAT DAY.
IF NOON HOUR IS IMPOSSIBLE PLEASE SUGGEST ANOTHER TIME
AND PLACE=

EDWIN R EMBREE.1139AM.

18-31-37

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[Rosenwald, Julius, Fund]

Air Mail Special

13 February 1941

My dear Mr. Embree:

I have your telegram of February 13 but regret to say that I am not to be in Chicago on the seventeenth. I was asked to come but could not and the promoters advertised my coming before they got my final consent. I have no plans for being in Chicago until April.

18-31-38

Meantime, let me say that the Encyclopaedia of the Negro as planned by the Phelps Stokes Fund is by no means a dead proposition. We are still working on it and we still have hopes that some of the funds are going to finance it. Action by both the Carnegie Foundation and the General Education Board has been held up directly and indirectly by the war: indirectly because the Myrdal study has been delay by the absence of Mr. Myrdal in Sweden and directly by the uncertainty of the financial future. Nevertheless we have done a great deal of preliminary work and we are still publishing each quarter in PHYLON some matter, especially biographies, which are intended for the use of the Encyclopaedia.

However, I should be very glad to consult with anybody concerning this work with view to their cooperation or participation. I have several times tried to get the Federal Government interested and the WPA in particular but nothing important was ever accomplished. Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes had several interviews with the authorities in Washington and I with the workers in New York.

If, however, you should wish to call a meeting at any time I should be glad to attend if I could afford it and am always glad to exchange views on the subject. I think it is an extremely important project and I am sure that one day it will go through.

I am sending on the sheet enclosed a memorandum concerning another project of mine which I have already brought to your attention.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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M. O. Bousfield, M.D.
Director for Negro Health
George M. Reynolds
Director for Fellowships
Fred G. Wale
Associate for Rural Education

February 17, 1941

Dear Doctor DuBois: Your letters of February 13 have come in Mr. Embree's absence from the city. I took the liberty of showing your letter about the Encyclopedia of the Negro to Mr. Bontemps of the Illinois Writers' Project who was very sorry to learn that you were not to be in Chicago today. He and his associates report that they are sure something can be worked out whereby the various Writers' Projects can cooperate in the Encyclopedia, with the Illinois project taking a major part of the responsibility since it is the largest in the country, three times as large as that of New York State. At any rate, the Illinois State directors would appreciate the opportunity of discussing the matter with you on your April visit to Chicago. If, therefore, you would be good enough to let us know in advance of your coming, a meeting can be arranged either at the Fund or a place of your own choosing.

18-31-62

Sincerely yours,

Julia Wakeman
Secretary to Mr. Embree

JW

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M. O. Bousfield, M.D.
Director for Negro Health
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February 19, 1941

Dear Doctor DuBois: Your telegram came in Mr. Embree's absence. Since he is to be away until March 4, I discussed informally with the directors of the Illinois Writers' Project your proposal to make a special trip to Chicago at this time. Mr. Bontemps tells me that all the material on the Encyclopedia of the Negro, together with memoranda and letters from Mr. Curtis D. MacDougall, State Director of the Illinois Project, Mr. Bontemps, Supervisor, and Mr. Embree, have been sent to Mr. Walter Kiplinger, who is one of the heads of the Professional and Service Division of the Work Projects Administration, with offices at 1734 New York Avenue, Washington, D. C. Mr. Kiplinger has expressed great interest in the Encyclopedia and, I understand, is enthusiastic about the prospect of helping in it. Since it would be preferable for the proposal to clear through Washington before it is taken up by the various state projects, the most direct approach to early action would be a conference with Mr. Kiplinger. The suggestion has been made, therefore, that you wire him in an effort to arrange a Washington appointment.

10-31-60

According to Mr. Bontemps, the Illinois Writers' Project is willing to give its state-wide resources to cooperation in the Encyclopedia, but its directors believe the additional cooperation of other states would be more readily secured through the national agency and would therefore prefer to have authorization come from that quarter. There is every reason to believe that it will. If such authorization is not forthcoming, however, I am informed that the Illinois Writers' Project stands ready to proceed on its own.

Very truly yours,

Julia Wakeman
Secretary to Mr. Embree

JW

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

20 February 1941

My dear Madam:

I can be in Chicago, Saturday, March eighth; arriving at 2:10 p. m. and can spend the afternoon and evening in conference with the promoters of the Illinois Writers Project. Will you kindly ask Mr. Bontemps or someone in authority to write me directly so that we can discuss by letters certain preliminaries? I shall have to leave Chicago, Sunday morning at 9:50.

18-31-63

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Julia Waxman
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Chicago

21 February 1941

My dear Madam:

This is in answer to your letter of February 19 and to Mr. Bontemps' letter of the same date. I am writing you and asking that you bring the contents of this letter to the attention of Mr. McDougall, Mr. Bontemps and as soon as possible Mr. Embree.

This is not the first time by any means that the project of having the WPA help the Encyclopaedia of the Negro has come up. I will get the exact data together and put all the facts before the persons interested in Chicago. In brief, several years ago I took up the matter with the head of the Writers Project in New York City. He was very much interested and thought that something could be arranged. We negotiated for several months and the whole thing fell flat. Later Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes conceived the idea that the question could be taken up in Washington. We approached the Bureau of Education, the Library of Congress and afterward the head of the WPA project but not Mr. Kiplinger. Mr. Stokes had repeated conferences with this official and I had correspondence and presented plans. The thing fell through.

18-31-61

Now for the third time the matter comes up in Illinois and is characteristically referred to Washington. I am not wasting time on any trip to Washington. I know the city and its methods too well. If a specific project can be worked out in Illinois that may have some influence on Washington but to think that any nation-wide project looking toward an Encyclopaedia of the Negro is coming out of Washington this time is far to optimistic.

As I have said before I am coming to Chicago, March eighth at the expense of the Phelps Stokes Fund to consult with anyone there who is interested in having the Illinois Writers Project assist in any way in the promotion of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I should be glad to have conferences with such interested persons during the afternoon and evening of March eighth. If after such conferences there is any reason to suppose that taking the matter up with the authorities in Washington will be of any service, I should be glad to see that it is done but first I want a definite meeting with the persons who have proposed it in Chicago and some clear understanding.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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M. O. Bousfield, M.D.
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William C. Haygood
Director for Fellowships

October 6, 1941

Dear Mr. DuBois:

I am enclosing a statement of our 1942 fellowship program, which I hope you will be good enough to post and otherwise call to the attention of persons who may be especially qualified for these grants.

18-31-39

We should like to have applications reach us as early as possible. In any case they must be received not later than January 5, 1942. Detailed correspondence concerning candidates or other aspects of the fellowship program should be addressed to Mr. William Haygood, Director for Fellowships, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Application blanks may be obtained upon request.

I think you will be interested in the enclosed list of the Fellows selected by our Committee for this year. We will appreciate your help in finding an outstanding group of candidates from which to make our 1942 selections.

Very truly yours,

ERE:MLU

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

6 May 1941

J-8-81-81

My dear Mrs. Russell:

I have been away on a lecture trip and did not hear of the death of your husband. May I express to you my deepest condolence. He was for years my most excellent and understanding friend and my people will never forget their debt to him.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Charles Edward Russell
2011 "I" Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

[1941]

Mrs. Charles Edward Russell

is deeply grateful for

your kind expression of sympathy

12-12-40
84-81-81

Most grateful appreciation of your very kind message

RUST COTTON PICKER CO.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

March 28, 1941

12-11-41

PHYLON
Atlanta University
P. O. Box 356
Atlanta, Georgia

Att'n: Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of March 24th addressed to the Rust Brothers, who are now out of the city.

In response to your request, we are pleased to enclose three snap-shot photographs of the Rust Cotton Picker in field operation. These are the best views we have at the present time. If these pictures are too small for your purpose, we could have an enlargement of one or more of them made if you would let us know the desired specifications (dimensions and finish).

Under separate cover we are mailing you two folders on this machine.

Thank you for your interest, and if we can be of further service do not hesitate to call on us.

Yours sincerely,

RUST COTTON PICKER CO.

(Mrs.) Alma W. Rust

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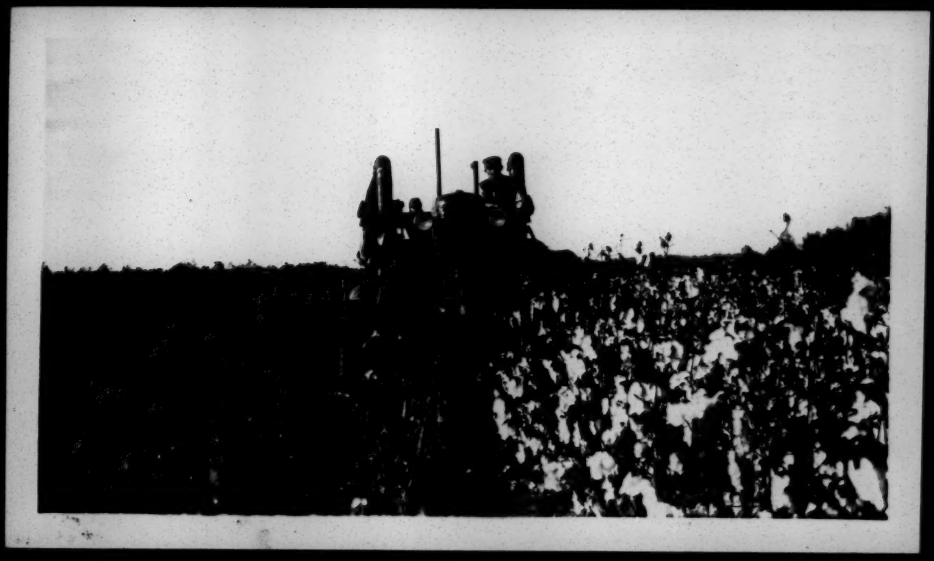

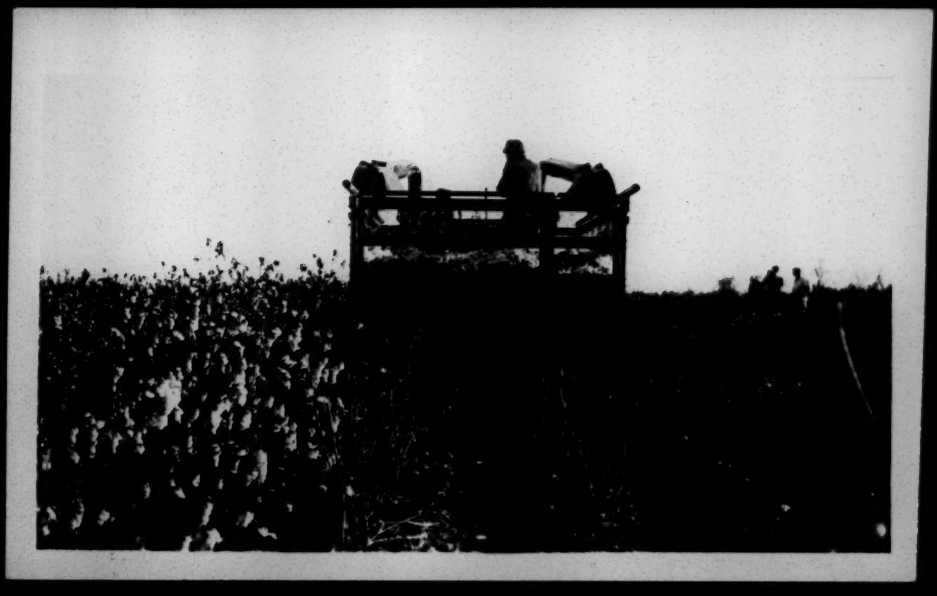

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(Self-Powered Tandem Model)
At work on a Mississippi plantation

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(Greenville, Miss.

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Rust Cotton Picker (Self-Powered Tandem Model)
Rear View - Showing Trailer pulled
behind machine.
At work on a Mississippi plantation.

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3 April 1941

My dear Madam:

May I thank you very much for your kind answer of March 28. I would appreciate very much if you could send us an enlarged picture about fifteen inches in width of the Rust cotton picker side view, self powered Tandem Model. A glossy finish would be suitable as I want to exhibit this at a conference. I would be glad to pay the expense of the enlargement.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Rust Cotton Picker Company
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March 12, 1941

18-44-139

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Attorney Harry E. Davis has informed us that you have consented to come to us on Sunday, April 27th. We are quite happy about it and have chosen from the list of subjects "The Present War and The Darker Races".

Our meetings begin at 4 p.m., the speaker is given forty minutes unless some previous arrangement has been made, after which a fifteen minute question period is observed.
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If you will let us know when you plan to arrive we will arrange to meet you and escort you.

With every good wish for you and yours, I am

Very Truly Yours,
Raphael E. Donato
Raphael E. Donato, pres.

RED/WMJ

27 March 1941

OH1-44-81

My dear Mr. Donato:

This is to confirm my engagement to speak at your forum, April twenty-seventh; the fee to be fifty dollars.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Raphael E. Donato
St. James Literary Forum
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1094 N. 32nd St.
Richmond Va.
Nov. 12-1941

18-55-41

Mr. Dubois:

Dear Sir. The Men's Club of St. Philips P.E. Church, desires to know if by chance will you be able to give us a lecture some time this fall or at your earliest convenience? If so, will you kindly know what date? and what will be your charge for coming to us?

We shall expect to hear from you soon.

Respectfully yours.

W. Exum Burch

[Saturday Lunch Club]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

12 February 1941

18-25

My dear Sir:

I wrote you October 14 offering the services of Dr. Du Bois at the Saturday luncheon club April twenty-sixth. May I ask if any decision has been reached?

Very sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. S. A. Stockwell
2103 Garfield Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dr. Miss Diggs
A letter from Dr. Du Bois said his fee was $150.00 & he won't go but the Lunch Club can pay it. S.A.Stockwell

[Saturday Lunch Club]

20 February 1941

My dear Sir:

I enclose a copy of the letter which Dr. Du Bois wrote you October 14. You will note that the fee is fifty dollars and not one hundred fifty.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

18-35

Mr. S. A. Stockwell
2103 Garfield Avenue
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WENDELL PHILLIPS

March 5, 1941.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

12-25-18

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

We have before us copy pf a letter from you, addressed to Mr. S. A. Stockwell, 2103 Garfield Ave., Minneapolis, one of our members, dated October 14, 1940, also one of a later date from your secretary.

It seems Mr. Stockwell understood your letter to read one hundred fifty dollars instead of fifty dollars for your lecture.

The misunderstanding being cleared up, the Executive Committee of the Saturday Lunch Club voted to accept your offer to speak to the Club for $50.00, but at some other date, since Dr. Agnes Larson of St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minn. has been engaged for April 26, 1941.

Can you accommodate us? All dates, beginning April 5th are open, except April 26th.

An early reply will be appreciated, and if the date can be adjusted, please enclose a list of your subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

W. A. Stromme

W. A. Stromme,
Executive Secretary.

P.S. The attendance at our last two meetings were 105 and 155. We are confident you would draw a larger attendance.

Mail Address: 807 PENCE BUILDING

[Saturday Lunch Club]

13 March 1941

My dear Mr. Stromme:

I have your letter of March 5. I regret to say that the only date which I can offer you is Saturday, April twenty-sixth. That is the reason I wrote Mr. Stockwell as early as I did. I cannot reach Minnesota before April 22 and must leave the night of the 26th. I shall not return this year. I hope it will be possible to make some interchange of dates with Dr. Larson.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. A. Stromme
Saturday Lunch Club
Andrews Hotel
Minneapolis

18-25-19

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Lectures pending

March 26, 1941

18-25-20

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Box 356
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Acknowledging your letter of March 13. We have rearranged our programs and you are definitely dated to speak to the Club at noon on Saturday, April 26, 1941. Dr. Larson will speak at a later date.

Very sincerely yours,

W. A. Stromme

W. A. Stromme,
Executive Sec'y

WAS:a

1 April 1941

18-25-21

My dear Mr. Stromme:

What subject would you like me to take for the Saturday Lunch Club, April twenty-sixth? I suggest THE ECONOMIC PLIGHT OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO. I enclose a list of my subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. A. Stromme
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April 8, 1941.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

The question of subjects was brought before our Executive Committee, and they unanimously chose the subject you suggested, "The Economic Plight of the American Negro."

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Stromme,
Executive Secretary.

WAS:a

18-25-22

18 April 1941

18-25-23

My dear Sir:

I shall stop while in the Twin Cities with Jose Sherwood
971 Saint Anthony Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota

I will get in touch with you Saturday morning.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. A. Stramme
Saturday Lunch Club
Andrews Hotel
Minneapolis

The SATURDAY LUNCH CLUB In
Its Thirty-Third Year of
Town Hall Democracy
Brunswick Room - Andrews Hotel
Sat., April 26, 1941, 12:15 P.M.

09-44-81

Speaker: W. E. B. Du Bois.
Subject: "The Economic Plight of the American Negro."

Dr. Du Bois was born in Mass. and educated at Fisk and Harvard which conferred on him th PhD degree. The degree of LLD was given him by Howard and Atlanta. Having served as professor of Economics and History at Atlanta, as Editor of the Crisis, is now professor of sociology at Atlanta.

He has published "Suppression of the American Slave Trade", "Souls of Black Folk", "Dark Water", "Black Reconstruction", "Dusk of Dawn", an autobiography, and many magazine articles.

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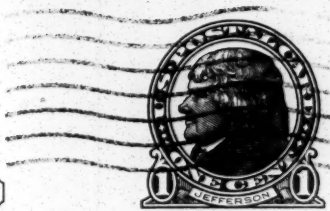

Mr. I. L. Moore,
3705 4th Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn.

18-25-24

5 May 1941

My dear Mr. Stromme:

I want to thank you for the large and inspiring audience which you gave me at the Saturday Lunch Club, April 26. I appreciated the opportunity.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. A. Stromme
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December 10, 1941

18-35-2

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

As usual, I read your weekly column in the Amsterdam Star-News with interest. The letter which the little lady wrote you and which was published in the issue of December 6th gave me some little concern, since I realize that it represents a real problem to quite a number of girls. If this girl is a New York girl, I will be very glad if you will send her a line saying that I would like her to come in and talk with me. You replied to her letter as a "sociologist"; I would like to talk with her as the "female of the species". I would not care to have my letter published but I think I can help the little lady if she is here in New York.

I hope that we are going to see in print something of your visit to Cuba. I know it must have been successful.

With very best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Cecelia Cabaniss Saunders
Executive Secretary

CCS:fw

Amsterdam Texas

18-25-72

17 December 1941

My dear Mrs. Saunders:

Thank you for your letter of December tenth. The girl who wrote me is Ruth Early, 1181 East Twenty-Second Street, c/o Sweet, Brooklyn, New York.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Cecilia C. Saunders
YWCA
179 West 139th Street
New York City

17-26-13

15 December 1941

My dear Dr. Sawyer:

I have a friend, a very fine young woman who is a teacher in Chicago, who is arriving soon in Miami from Chicago and wishes to stay over night and then take the airplane to Cuba. I wish you would make every effort to have her comfortable and see that she gets cabs for transportation. I will write you later and give you the exact schedule of her coming and going. I shall appreciate whatever you can do.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. W. D. Sawyer
Hotel Mary Elizabeth
642 Northwest Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

17-26-14

Negro Hotels.

17 December 1941

Dear Dr. Sawyer:

Mrs. Mildred Bryant-Jones will arrive in Miami at 5:55 p. m. Sunday on the Sunchaser by way of the Florida East Coast Line. Will you kindly have her met at the station. She is a small brown woman looking almost like a girl. She will be on the pullman. Have a cab there to take her to the hotel and arrange for her meals. She will leave on the Pan-American Airways for Cuba, Monday at 1:30 p. m. You can arrange for her to take a cab to the bus that transports the passengers or if she prefers directly to the airport. She will arrange with you about her stop-over on returning.

I shall be under great obligation if you will attend to this very carefully.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. W. B. Sawyer
Hotel Mary Elizabeth
642 Northwest Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

3 February 1941

My dear Madam:

I am sorry to be so late in answering your letter of December 23, but I have been very busy. There is a good deal of material on African and American Negro religion but you will find it not organized nor set down in one place or treated with historical and anthropological accuracy. In my book THE GIFT OF BLACK FOLK, Stratford 1924, chapter nine treats of the matter with some facts. Also in the Atlanta University Publications, No. 8, published in Atlanta in 1903, there is a study of the Negro church with data. You might also compare Carter Woodson's HISTORY OF THE NEGRO CHURCH, Associated Publishers 1921. This refers specifically to America. A study with similar limitations has been published by Mays and Nicholson, New York 1933. Chapter 15 of my BLACK FOLK: THEN AND NOW touches the subject incidentally. None of these references really covers your problem and particularly they do not satisfactorily touch the subject of cultural survival of African religion in America. You might find something in the work of modern students of the African peoples like Schapera, Krige, Soga, and chapter 18 of Worthington's SCIENCE IN AFRICA.

18-39-59

I am sorry not to be able to give you more specific and valuable information.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Elizabeth Schuck
599 Rondo Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

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a las 9 de la noche

AGRAMONTE Y APODACA
LA HABANA

18-39

Programa

I

1.—A—SUEÑO DE AMOR . . . . . Liszt- Schipa.
B—LA WALLY (Romanza) . . . Catalani.
Dora Martínez de la Cotera.

2.—MESSAGERO AMOROSO . . . . Chopin-Buzzi Peccia.
Consuelo Carbonell.

3.—MI CHIAMANO MIMI
(De "La Boheme") . . . . . Puccini.
Isabel Hernández

4.—TARANTELLA (Vocalizzo) . . . Panofka.
Angélica Boulanger.

5.—STRANA. . . . . Tirindelli.
María Vivó.

6.—A—GIROMETTA . . . . . Sibella.
B—VALS DE LA OPERA
ROMEO-JULIETA . . . . . Gounod.
Rosa Amelia Roche.

7.—EL HEROE LLEGA
(Coro a cuatro voces) . . . . . Haendel.

Dora Martínez de la Cotera, Rosa A. Roche, María Vivó, Adela Escartín, Isabel Hernández, Consuelo Carbonell, Amelia Torrado, Margarita Santana, Eulalia Carreño, Mercedes Figueredo, Ana Hernández, América Escartín, Felicia Pozo, Ignacia Barreiro, Delia Hernández, José Ma. Bidot, Pastor Pelayo, Miguel Hernández, Mario Jiménez, Heriberto Fernández, Enrique Lorda.
Charles Abreu y Bruce Mc. Coney.

II

1.—PIZZICATO
(Del Vallet "Sylvia") . . . . . Delibes.
2.—DANZA ESCOCESA. . . . . Marengo.
Bailes clásicos por Clarita Roche.

III

1.—A—UNA ROSA BLANCA. . . . Lecuona.
B—SOÑAR . . . . . Arturo Guerra.
Dora Martínez de la Cotera.

2.—ROSAS PARA TI . . . . . Rivera.
Isabel Hernández.

3.—A—SI SUPIERAS . . . . . Arturo Guerra.
B—RESURRECCION . . . . . Arturo Guerra.
Rosa Amelia Roche.

4.—SIN TI . . . . . Lecuona.
María Vivó.

5.—A—VALS . . . . . Dihigo.
B—EL CLARIN (Romanza) . . . Gonzalo Roig.
Angélica Boulanger.

6.—EN CUBA NACI (Criolla) . . . . Arturo Guerra.
(Coro a cuatro voces)

Dora Martínez de la Cotera, Rosa A. Roche, María Vivó, Adela Escartín, Isabel Hernández, Consuelo Carbonell, Amelia Torrado, Margarita Santana, Eulalia Carreño, Mercedes Figueredo, Ana Hernandez, América Escartín, Felicia Pozo, Ignacia Barreiro, Delia Hernández, José Ma. Bidot, Pastor Pelayo, Miguel Hernández, Mario Jiménez, Heriberto Fernández, Enrique Lorda,
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Maestro Rafael Morales

Maestro Arturo Guerra

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NOTA: Todos los elementos que toman parte en este Concierto son alumnos del Conservatorio "Félix E. Alpízar", del Municipio de la Habana, que dirige el Maestro, señor Diego Bonilla.

Alumnas de baile de la Profesora Ana Mariani.

Alumnos de canto de la Profesora Zoila Gálvez.

IMPRENTA "RIMOR" AGUIAR 306—TEL. A-0820 —HABANA

SHAW UNIVERSITY
RALEIGH, N. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 21, 1941

102-44-81

Doctor W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor DuBois:

In reply to your letter of February 15, I may state that Professor N. D. Eason, chairman of our division of Social Sciences may be interested in the Phylon Institute and Atlanta University Conference. You may address him at the institution.

Very truly yours,

Robert P. Daniel
President

RPD:c

SHAW UNIVERSITY
RALEIGH, N. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 8, 1941

18-44-202

Doctor W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor Du Bois:

I am pleased to know that the conference on "THE ECONOMIC CONDITION AND SOCIAL TRENDS OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO" is meeting general approval. I regret that an engagement in Conneticut at that time will prevent my attendance, but Professor Newell D. Eason is planning to attend.

Very truly yours,

Robert P. Daniel
President

RPD:c

SHAW UNIVERSITY

RALEIGH, N. C.

March 11, 1941

18-41-26

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am deeply interested in the conference to be held at Atlanta University. I have studied the migration of Negroes of North Carolina from the rural areas to the urban centers. This study was published in pamphlet form and a part of it was published in the Opportunity Magazine under the title "The Negro of North Carolina Forsakes the Land". I have also studied attitudes of Negroes on Relief. This was published in the Opportunity Magazine under the title of "Attitudes of Negro Families on Relief". I am at present director of a fact finding group collecting facts about the Negroes of Raleigh for the Division of Education and Race Relations.

I shall put forth every effort to participate in such a vital and timely conference.

Very sincerely yours,

Newell D. Eason

Newell D. Eason

18-41-27

4 April 1941

My dear Mr. Eason:

Can you let us have or will you bring with you to our conference April 17, 18 and 19 a complete copy of your study of the migration of Negroes from country to city in North Carolina? We want it for information only and not, of course, for publication.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Newell D. Eason
Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina

[Shephard]

28 March 1941

85-3h-31

My dear Dr. Shepard:

May I thank you and Mrs. Shepard again for you very kind hospitality. It was a real vacation and I enjoyed your campus tremendously. When I indicate to some of my friends that SOMEONE gave me a bottle of Benedictine they positively refuse to believe it and I in turn decline to prove it.

Very sincerely yours,

President James E. Shepard
North Carolina College for Negroes
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Books

October 6, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. Bu Bois:

We are sending you an advance copy of MARRIED LIFE IN AN AFRICAN TRIBE by Dr. I. Schapera of the University of Cape Town. It is a careful study of family life in the Kgatlâ tribe of the Bechuanaland Protectorate, and particularly of the effects of contact with European culture on married life.

Professor Malinowski has written an elaborate and enthusiastic Introduction for this book. He declares that it "will undoubtedly rank among the standard works in the contemporary Science of Man." If that is the case, we feel justified in submitting this book to you. And we hope that you will find it a worthy and useful addition to your library, and that you may find an opportunity to recommend it to some of your colleagues and students.

If you care to comment on this book, we shall appreciate your interest and courtesy.

Cordially yours,

Charles E. Shingleton

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23 October 1941

My dear Sir:

I want to thank you for a copy of Schapera's MARRIED LIFE IN AN AFRICAN TRIBE. I shall be glad to have it reviewed in Phylon, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles E. Springhorn
Sheridan House
386 Fourth Avenue
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St. Paul, Minn., April 13, 1941.

Lectures

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

You said in your letter of November 13th that you would notify me of the date you expected to arrive in St. Paul, but not having heard from you I fear it has slipped your memory. This is rather important as there are some twenty trains daily over about eight roads.

Yours very truly,

Jose H. Sherwood.

Jose H. Sherwood.
971 St. Anthony Ave.

15 April 1941

421-44-81

My dear Mr. Sherwood:

I will be coming Tuesday morning from Chicago and will wire you the exact hour and railway. I speak at Macalester, Tuesday morning; the University of Minnesota, Thursday; and at the Saturday Lunch Club, Saturday noon. I shall leave Saturday afternoon for Cleveland.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Jose H. Sherwood
971 Saint Anthony Avenue
Saint Paul

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18-23-61

5 May 1941

My dear Mr. Sherwood:

I have just returned from Fisk where I made the last of my series of addresses. I remember my stay in Saint Paul and Minneapolis with great pleasure and want to express again my deep sense of obligation to you and Mrs. Sherwood. I have seldom had more understanding hosts. I am sending you a book herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Jose Sherwood
971 Saint Anthony Avenue
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12-22-81

May 11, 1941.

Social Memo

Dr. W.E.B.DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Your letter of the 5th received last Wednesday and the book came to hand Saturday. It was so far behind the letter that, remembering your experiences with the parcel post, I was rather worried. Thanks for both. Mrs. Sherwood commenced to read to me last evening, and altho I had to go out we have covered 76 pp. It is deeply, gripping interesting.

We are so very glad you enjoyed your stay with us; we were delighted to have had you- an ideal, unobtrusive, most engageing guest. Come again and be assured of a warm welcome.

Did you locate a copy of the Tallegada pictire? I regret very much that I cannot see my way to subscribing for the PHYLON. Have followed your trail publications a lifetime and now that you have one really worth while I am too blind to appreciate it.

Do not let the Thad Stevens 'keep-in-memory' matter stray far from your mind. I will see that Washington does not lose sight of his idea of you getting you an assignment as guest proffesor at the University; we will see if he has much pull.

Yours very truly,
Jose H. Sherwood.

6 February 1941

901-11-81

My dear George:

Thank you very much for the three wood-cuts which you sent me. I am very glad to have them and I am going to use them in PHYLON. I think it would be a splendid thing for you to push on with this technique.

Tell Mrs. Shivery that I drove through Shreveport lately and wrote her father to say that I was coming through but he does not answer letters, at least he didn't answer mine. So I went on and spent the night at Marshall.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. George R. Shivery
231 West 149th Street
New York City

6 February 1941

My dear Mrs. Shivery:

You mentioned to me a high school girl whom you thought might do some stenographic work. Would you have her call and see me. I think we would be glad to give her some work this spring and summer at such time as she could spare and thus be able to estimate her possibilities. Send her in any time and if I am not here, Miss Diggs will talk with her.

Very sincerely yours,

18-41

Mrs. L. D. Shivery
87 Chestnut Street Southwest
Atlanta, Georgia

[MRS. L. D. SHIVERY]

18-412

A BIRTHDAY *Prayer*

God bless you
and keep you
Content evermore
With nothing but joy
Everlasting
in store!

Lonie
2/23/41

14 March 1941

Memo to Mrs. Shivery:

This is a copy of your thesis which I have borrowed in my name from the library for one week. It is in much better shape than my copy. Please be careful and see that it is returned to me not later than March twenty-first.

Mrs. L. D. Shivery
87 Chestnut Street Southwest
Atlanta

27 March 1941

401-14-81

Dear Louie:

I am invited by Mrs. Rebecca Gershon of the Atlanta League of Women Voters to address a group of refugees residing in Atlanta, Monday evening, April 28, at eight p. m. Have you any idea of whom Mrs. Gershon is?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. L. D. Shivery
87 Chestnut Street Southwest
Atlanta

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30 March 1941

001-11-81

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I shall be able to give to you full information concerning Mrs. Rebecca Gershon of the Atlanta League of Women Voters not later than Wednesday of the week of April 1, if not earlier.

I am very happy to serve you in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. L. D. Shivery

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Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
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9th December, 1941.

bb-14-81

Dear Mr. Du Bois,

I am very anxious to hear from you ~~that~~ to know if you are still carrying on your work at Atlanta University and would very much like to know how the situation with regard to your people is going in America.

I know it is a very long time since I wrote to you about Frank Hercules but after getting your letter I had a very serious illness and operation which has interfered with all my routine work. Though I am completely over it I do not feel very strong and so I am dictating this letter instead of writing it in my own hand.

We had a very interesting ceremony here - meeting West Indian Journalists. I was asked to "welcome" them to London in a little speech which seemed to please them very much. I am doing my very best to try to break down the Colour Bar. I do not know if you ever heard about Bishop Heard. My husband and I tried our best to make him feel that everyone did not act in the same way as a few who hurt his feelings.

I will not write any more as I do not know whether this will ever reach you, but I should like to hear from you. I have not forgotten the delightful time I spent with you at the "CRISIS" Office and with Walter White. As for your book "Dark Water". It has a place of honour in my study and I lend it to those whom I think it will influence. where is Walter White now?

I am afraid America is now going to have a difficult time and I should so like to hear your news if you have time to write.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen Simon (Viscountess)

Mr. W.E. Du Bois,
Atlanta University.
Georgia. U.S.A.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA, April 1 1941

M Dr. W. E. B. DuBois Atlanta University

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2 April 1941

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My dear Dr. Slater:

Will you look this over and let me know if you recommend any particular treatment?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-43

Dr. Thomas H. Slater
158½ Auburn Avenue Northeast
Atlanta

Box 688, Cristobal, CZ,
November 18, 1941.

Request for information

Dr. W. E. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

18-33-182

Four years ago -- on December 1, 1937 -- in reply to an inquiry of mine you wrote me to the effect that I should continue writing and submit my work to the best markets. This bit of professional advice has brought me much happiness of soul and encouraging success as a writer. Today I again ask of you a few paragraphs of advice on a subject close to my heart.

Over the span of those years I have come quite a way along the road to literary recognition. I have acquired and held down since that time a job as reporter of West Indian news on a local white daily, and seen a number of my pieces printed in the Urban League's Opportunity Magazine. These pieces, especially, attracted comment from New York circles, and during the recent racial pogrom here W. A. Domingo wrote me of his own accord from that metropolis on the subject of the local situation and my own work.

Recently I began recording my observations as a preliminary to doing a study of the Isthmian Negro scene. I feel that this is a book that must be written. This phase of the Negro's struggle toward justice and progress in the New World must be made intelligently vocal, if his entire case is to be aired. It is my belief that although it would of necessity be proved sensational in material, the book would meet an urgent demand and realize results worthy of the effort.

Do you think that North American publishers would be simpathetic toward such a manuscript? Do you think they would consider accepting it for reading with a view to publishing should it meet requirements? Of course I could have inquired this much of the Viking Press, Knopf, or any publishing house, but I don not think that they would give me the frank, personal reply that you might.

I trust that you may find the time to again write me a few lines. Please accept in anticipation my thanks for these; also my appreciation for the wealth of ideas, the spiritual fortitude and professional guidance I gleaned from reading "Dusk of Dawn".

Respectfully yours,

Jose J. Smith

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

INSTITUTE OF POLITICS
ROY V. PEEL, DIRECTOR

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

March 10, 1941

Request for information

Dr. W.E.B.DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-35-88

Dear Dr. DuBois

I am writing a doctoral dissertation on the "political participation of Negroes in the border states." When I started on the research, I had in mind those states which are or were "border" only insofar as they had been thus defined by the Civil War controversy. However, now that I have proceeded into the research, it has been suggested that I include some states, particularly of the South, which have in recent years become "border" in respect to the Negro problem. In this connection, the states of North Carolina, Texas, Florida and Indiana have been suggested. If these states are to be considered in the research, it seems to me that the term "border state" where my problem (the political one) is concerned, will have to be re-defined.

I would appreciate it if you would express your opinion in this matter. What criteria would you suggest as a method of defining these additional states so that they may be included in the study?

Very sincerely yours,

George Snowden
Research Assistant

GSdbd

13 March 1941

18-35-89

My dear Mr. Snowden:

Answering your letter of March 10, I do not think that it would be either logical or useful to make a definition of border states which would include "Texas, Florida and Indiana". You might, of course, with some advantage bracket southern Ohio, Indiana and Illinois with the border states. I would not include North Carolina. You might also do as I have done in my book BLACK RECONSTRUCTION, couple the border states with the frontier so that in that way Texas and even Arkansas and Oklahoma might be included. I should think, however, it would be much better to stick to the old definition of the border states and give such other states as you might want to include a different designation. I do not see that the states which you mention, especially Texas and Florida, have become "border states" with respect to the Negro problem.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. George Snowden
Department of Government
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

[Social Science Assoc.]

15 April 19 41

Received from W. E. B. DuBois

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March 27, 1941

86-14-81

Professor W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Professor Du Bois:

It is with sincere regret that I am writing to inform you that the Committee at its meeting last week was not able to act favorably on your application for a grant-in-aid for 1941-42.

Any publications or manuscripts which you may have submitted in support of your application will be returned to you shortly.

Sincerely yours,

Laura Barrett

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April 15, 1941

18-41-96

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Du Bois:

In reply to your note of April 11, I am sorry to say that the copies of "Dusk of Dawn" which you sent for consideration by the Committee on the Anisfield Award are not available for return. Copies of all books submitted for the competition are distributed to the individual members of the Committee as soon as received. No responsibility for their collection and return to the authors or publishers is assumed. I believe this is the customary procedure in practically all such prize competitions.

With sincere regrets, I am

Sincerely yours,

Donald Young

DY:fgf

28 October 1941

My dear Madam:

I want to apply for a grant-in-aid to help the work of the Phylon Institutes. Will you kindly send me a set of application blanks?

#6-14-81

The Phylon Institutes have been started by two grants of a thousand dollars each from the Carnegie Foundation. The object of the Institutes is to restore on a different basis the former Atlanta University Studies of the Negro problems. The new basis is the idea of getting especially the state supported institutions for the higher education of the Negro in the South to come together in a cooperative effort to make a sustained study covering a considerable period of years into the economic condition of Negroes and methods for bettering that condition. The first Phylon Instiute was held at Atlanta University, April 17, 18, 19, 1941 and was attended by fifty-one representatives from thirty-five institutions. The enclosed program was carried out. These institutions indicated the enclosed list of research projects covering the economic condition of the Negro either now being carried out or planned.

The second institute will consist of an effort to secure on the part of the cooperating institutions a more definite undertaking: first, to devote certain specified funds to research projects pertaining to the economic condition of the Negro and to be carried on in each institution by qualified scholars. Secondly, to attempt to secure from each institution a contribution to a central fund which shall publish from time to time reports of the various research projects as they are finished together with proposals for betterment or accounts of efforts at economic rehabilitation and uplift. Thereafter it will be necessary through correspondence and travel to get this cooperation in working order until the time comes when the institutions will set up a central office. I think during the year 1943, this integrating work can be best done here at Atlanta University through my office and I am asking for a grant of $500 to help this work on. Its main object will be investigation of the various research projects, arrangement for their gene al coordination so as to form a fairly complete whole and the selection and editing of certain of the researches for eventual publication.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Laura Barrett
Social Science Research Council
230 Park Avenue
New York City

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A history of the part which persons of Negro descent played in the World War, 1914-18, and the result of this participation upon their social condition.

May 1, 1940 to May 1, 1941

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November 1, 1941

hb-11-81

Professor W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Professor Du Bois:

We are very sorry indeed to have to inform you that the Committee will not permit us to send application blanks to candidates requesting support for institutional projects. You will notice from the enclosed copies of our announcements describing the National and Southern grants that these awards are designed solely for assistance to scholars pursuing individual research projects.

Please be assured of our regret that we are unable to write a more encouraging letter at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Laura Barrett

LB:mc

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The maximum award to an individual will not exceed $500.

The closing date for the receipt of applications for 1941-42 on forms provided by the

Grants-in-Aid Secretary is January 5, 1941
Grants will be announced April 1, 1941

Further information and application forms may be obtained at the address given below. If application blanks are desired, please indicate previous research experience, nature of project, and amount of aid required in initial inquiry. It is requested that application blanks be secured well in advance of January 5, 1941, so that there may be ample time to fill out and return them before that date.

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*The attention of applicants in *physical* anthropology and *physiological* psychology is called to the Grants-in-Aid in the Biological Sciences offered by the National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Fellowships

A major purpose of the Council since its beginning in 1923 has been to assist in the development of an adequate number of well trained research workers in the field of the social sciences. As a means of furthering this purpose, a series of post-doctoral fellowships has been awarded annually since 1925. Recent reconsideration of research-training needs not only has confirmed the Council's belief in the utility of its post-doctoral program but also has led to the conclusion that additional financial support at earlier training stages is required for the assurance of competent research personnel.

While universities and colleges have been able to grant a large number of scholarships and fellowships, nearly all awards have been restricted in use to formal study in a given institution and only a very small number have provided for work beyond the doctorate. It is in view of these limitations on the use of existing graduate awards by academic institutions that the Council has framed its fellowship program so as to include pre-doctoral fellowships for field training, as well as the post-doctoral research training fellowships previously supported.

A brief statement of the objectives and minimum requirements of the awards follows:

I. Pre-Doctoral Field Fellowships:

These fellowships are open to men and women, citizens of the United States or Canada, who are candidates for the Ph.D. degree, and who will have completed prior to the end of the academic year 1940-41 all courses and examinations for which they are eligible before completion of the thesis. The fellowships are not open to persons who will be over the age of 30 on July 1, 1941, or who plan to receive the Ph.D. before the expiration of the period of appointment for which application is made.

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The purpose of these awards is to supplement formal graduate study by opportunities for field work which will assure first-hand familiarity with the data of social science in the making. The candidate should have decided on the general area in which he wishes to prepare his thesis and carry on later research, but it is not necessary that the exact thesis subject should have been selected before application is made. While it is taken for granted that programs at this level will be closely correlated with the applicants' Ph.D. theses plans, the aim of these awards will not be to aid in finishing theses or to assist in the collection of data as such, but rather to emphasize the opportunities for obtaining realistic bases for the dissertation and subsequent research.

It is anticipated that many of the approved programs will call for a year's work in close association with public and private agencies where basic material for research can be observed directly. For illustration, a student of diplomatic history might wish to familiarize himself with selected problems and operations of the Department of State; an economist might find his interest best served by what might be called an "internship" in a banking institution; a political scientist or sociologist specializing in the relations between government and business would have many opportunities for an experiential program in Washington. In offering these illustrations there is no desire to limit the proposals of candidates to programs of similar pattern. Different areas of specialization as well as varying individual needs will naturally lead to diversified proposals. The type of program approved in any given case will depend on the candidate's previous training and on his research objectives, although in each case the experiential aspect of the plan submitted will be a major consideration in the process of selection. **Plans for field training involving foreign travel are not ordinarily considered to be necessary at the level for which these fellowships are designed; it is only under the most unusual circumstances that applications of this type will be favored.**

Every effort will be made to assist successful candidates in choosing a proper location for field experience, in planning the year's activities, and in securing the active cooperation of government and private officials when necessary for the completion of an approved program. All applicants, however, should submit programs carefully worked out, preferably after consultation with their graduate instructors and others whose cooperation may be required, in such form as to assure their feasibility and to show their relation to later research plans.

Appointments will be for not less than nine nor more than twelve months. The basic stipend attached to these fellowships is $1800 for a period of twelve months. No applications for reappointment at this level will be considered.

The closing date for the receipt of applications for 1941-42 on blanks to be secured from the Fellowship Secretary is February 1, 1941. Awards will be announced April 15, 1941. *When requesting application blanks, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT age, academic qualifications and tentative field plans be specifically indicated.* It is suggested that application blanks be secured well in advance of February 1, 1941, so that there may be ample time to fill out and return them before that date.

II. Post-Doctoral Research Training Fellowships:

These fellowships are open to men and women, citizens of the United States or Canada, who possess the Ph.D. degree or its equivalent in training and experience at the time of application, or give assurance that the Ph.D. will be received before February 15, 1941, and who, ordinarily, are not over 35 years of age.

The primary purpose of these fellowships is to broaden the research training and equipment of promising young social scientists, not to facilitate the completion of research projects or the continuation of investigations undertaken as doctoral dissertations. **Candidates proposing studies of the latter types may, therefore, expect to have their requests denied without reference to their professional standing or the merits of the project.** Programs of study submitted should provide either for training of an interdisciplinary nature, for advanced training within the applicant's field of specialization, or for field work or other experiential training intended to supplement more formal academic preparation for research.

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The choice of place of study is left to the Fellow, subject to the approval of the Fellowship Committee. It is required that, before entering upon the fellowships, Fellows planning to study in non-English speaking countries be able to read and speak the languages of the countries concerned.

The basic stipend for a period of twelve months is $1,800 for single Fellows and $2,500 for married Fellows. Supplementary allowances toward the support of dependents, as well as to defray the necessary traveling expenses of the Fellow (but not of members of his family), vary according to individual requirements. During the period of appointment, the Fellow is expected to devote full time to his program of study and not to carry on any other work without the consent of the Fellowship Committee.

Awards are usually for twelve months, but may be made for any period not exceeding two years. Renewals or extensions may be granted in exceptional cases.

The closing date for receipt of applications for 1941-42 on blanks to be secured from the Fellowship Secretary is February 1, 1941. It is suggested that application blanks be secured well in advance of February 1, 1941, so that there may be ample time to fill out and return them before that date.

Awards will be announced April 15, 1941.

When requesting application blanks, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT age, academic qualifications, and proposed program of study be specifically indicated.

Grants-in-Aid of Research

These grants are available to mature scholars, permanent residents of the United States or Canada, without reference to age, whose capacity for productive research has been effectively demonstrated by published work. They are not open to candidates for a degree. They are offered by the Council especially with a view to assisting members of the staffs of institutions which cannot at present provide adequate funds for social science research, and are designed to aid in completing rather than in initiating projects.

The purpose for which the grants may be expended include the investigator's living expenses while in the field; travel involved in the investigation; stenographic, clerical or statistical assistance; printing, stationery, and photostating; but ordinarily they may not be used for travel to attend scientific meetings, or to purchase books, manuscript materials, or laboratory apparatus. Grants may not be given to aid in the publication of manuscripts.

Before applying to the Council, the applicant should have canvassed other possible sources of support, especially the institution to which he is attached.

The maximum amount granted by the Council will ordinarily not exceed $1,000.

The closing date for receipt of applications for 1941-42 on forms provided by the Grants-in-Aid Secretary is January 15, 1941.

Grants will be announced April 1, 1941.

When requesting application blanks, IT IS IMPORTANT TO INDICATE previous research experience, nature of project, and amount of aid required. It is suggested that application blanks be secured well in advance of January 15, 1941, so that there may be ample time to fill out and return them before that date.

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STATE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

ORANGEBURG, S. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 1, 1941

18-44-212

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Box 356,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 31 to President M. F. Whittaker.

President Whittaker will not be able to attend the meeting in Atlanta next week on account of a recent appendectomy. He is recovering nicely.

Thank you for the invitation.

Yours very truly,

Emma Stewart Dawkins

Emma Stewart Dawkins,
Secretary to President Whittaker.

[South Carolina - State Agricultural and Mechanical College]

STATE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE
ORANGEBURG, S. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 18, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Box 356,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

18-27-104

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I thank you for the statement of the proposed Atlanta University Conference on the economic condition of Negroes. I shall be glad to attend this conference if I find it possible to do so. In the meantime, I shall be glad to have you extend invitations to the following persons on our faculty:

Dean K. W. Green
Professor H. E. Daniels

Dean Green is a very close student of economics and sociology, and familiar with the conditions of Negroes in our state. Professor Daniels is head of our agricultural extension service, and his position makes him familiar with the rural population. I am sure that both of them will be interested in and can add to your conference.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

M. F. Whittaker

M. F. Whittaker,
President.

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STATE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE
ORANGEBURG, S. C.

18-14-34

March 11, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 4, concerning the proposed conference on, The Economic Conditions And Social Trends Of The American Negro, to be held in Atlanta, April 17, 18, and 19.

I noticed in your letter that you mentioned experts to be invited. Now I do not regard myself as an expert, but I am a student of Negro Life in America and plan as soon as time will permit, to do some research in the field. I have no recent studies of notable merit to exhibit but feel that a conference of the kind you plan for would be of great value to me in my proposed study. I plan to study in the near future, Negro Economic Opportunities And Participation in South Carolina, for the purpose of Educational and Vocational guidance here at State A. & M. College.

I should be pleased to attend this conference with your permission as I feel certain that the benefits derived there from will far outweigh any personal sacrifices.

With very best wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,

K. W. Green, Dean

KWG:EB

18-41-35

7 April 1941

My dear Mr. Green:

We shall be very glad indeed to have you attend the conference here April 17, 18 and 19 and to bring with you any work or plans you have on the economic condition of the Negro especially in South Carolina.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dean K. W. Green
State A and M College
Orangeburg, South Carolina

[South Carolina-State Agricultural and Mechanical College]

STATE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE
ORANGEBURG, S. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 11, 1941.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Box 356,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

18-27-105

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I regret that I shall be unable to attend the Atlanta University conference on THE ECONOMIC CONDITION AND SOCIAL TRENDS OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO of April 17, 18 and 19. I have been called to New York on business at the same time. This institution; however, will be represented at this conference by Dean K. W. Green.

We wish for you a very successful session.

Yours very truly,

M. F. Whittaker

M. F. Whittaker,
President.

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SOUTHEASTERN COOPERATIVE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

AFFILIATED WITH THE COOPERATIVE LEAGUE OF THE U. S. A.

CARROLLTON, GEORGIA

April 4, 1941

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Editor The Phylon
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

18-29-19

Dear Mr. DuBois:

We are interested to hear of the First Phylon Institute which you are holding in Atlanta, April 17, 18, and 19.

Mr. Wallace J. Campbell of the Cooperative League U. S. A. sent us a copy of his letter to you listing the Negro cooperatives from his files. We are in the process of gathering more detailed information on these and other Negro cooperatives but just now, I am sorry to say, we have no information other than that furnished you by Mr. Campbell. Please call on us again a little later on for we hope to be able to get this kind of information together in time.

Very sincerely yours,

Edward Yeomans Jr.

Edward Yeomans Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

SOUTHEASTERN COOPERATIVE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

AFFILIATED WITH THE COOPERATIVE LEAGUE OF THE U. S. A

CARROLLTON, GEORGIA

November 27, 1941

Announcement

We invite you to attend a small informal meeting on consumer cooperation to be held at the Atlanta Biltmore at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, December 4th.

The purpose will be to provide an opportunity for those interested in cooperatives to become better acquainted with one another and hear about the special plans which the Southeastern Cooperative Education Association has for the Atlanta area.

The program will be very simple: several brief talks and a short motion picture film - "Consumers Serve Themselves."

Few regions of the Southeastern states now offer as much promise for the development of consumer cooperation as Atlanta and its surrounding territory. Because of this, SCEA has decided to hold its annual meeting in Atlanta on January 9th and 10th and at the same time to sponsor a conference of cooperatives and interested individuals to plan a program of regional development.

We shall need the help of Atlanta people in arranging for our annual meeting, as we shall explain when we meet next week. Please use the enclosed card to let us know whether or not you expect to be with us for the evening of Thursday, December 4th.

Edward Yeomans Jr.

Edward Yeomans Jr.
Secretary

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All human beings are consumers. People may be divided by politics, race, religion, social status and economic condition, but they require the same things for the sustenance of life and the enjoyment of living. And they are alike dependent on the economic system which their purchasing power supports. When that system is dominated by the profit motive, the people, as consumers, have little or nothing to say about the quality or the price of the things they buy. They must take what is offered and pay the price that is asked. Quality tends to be the lowest the consumer will accept and price the highest the consumer will pay.

This need not be so. The consumer is at a disadvantage because, in a world in which nearly all special interests are organized, he alone clings to individualism. When a consumer goes into a store he is pitting his small purchasing power against the capital of all industry. This disadvantage will cease when he begins to coöperate with other consumers. Organized purchasing power is the strongest economic control in the world. The combined purchasing power of consumers can be used to reshape national economies so that they truly serve the needs of the people.

There is no excuse for want in the midst of abundance, for the wastage of natural resources, for artificial scarcity, for recurrent cycles of depression and unemployment. These are the results of a system in which production depends on profit, profit depends on price, and price depends on scarcity.

Consumer cooperation can surely and peacefully create an economy of abundance in which production is for use and profit is returned as savings to the consumer whose patronage created it. This can happen wherever the people are free to exercise the rights of democracy. It has happened in the nations where democracy has been strongest. It will happen in America when the people as consumers join the world-wide Coöperative Movement and thus acquire their rightful control over the means of production and distribution.

EDUCATION FOR ACTION

THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT is based on understanding of the principles of democracy applied in business. Therefore, it is essential that study should precede action.

The informal discussion group, meeting weekly in a home or other congenial surroundings, has been the method of study wherever coöperatives have been most successful. The discussion group should be small, not more than ten or twelve members, so that there may be full participation by all. The group may be called together by some one person who has learned of consumer coöperation and wishes to introduce it to his friends, or by a teacher, minister, or other leader who sees in coöperation a way in which his people can better their condition. If many are interested, they should form several groups, meeting separately but following a similar program of study. Literature, films, and speakers on cooperation are available at nominal cost, and the advice of persons trained in coöperative education can be had for the asking.

Only when a group has become thoroughly versed in the basic principles of coöperation and has studied carefully the common needs of its members. should there be a decision as to the kind of coöperative to be undertaken.

Out of discussion groups have grown such varied enterprises as grocery stores, filling stations, medical service coöperatives, libraries, bakeries, cleaning and pressing services, credit unions, insurance companies, burial associations, housing projects, laundries, cafeterias, and recreation groups—all operated for service rather than for profit. The coöperative method can be applied to almost any human need.

Perhaps the simplest coöperative ventures are credit unions and book coöperatives. Each supplies a long-felt need: credit without extortion, and books at moderate cost. Each gives valuable experience in learning while doing, and thus prepares the way for more difficult undertakings.

Aid in forming a discussion group and in organizing a coöperative can be obtained from SCEA.

THE PROGRAM OF SCEA

The S C E A program rests upon the following basic assumptions:

1. That an understanding of the principles of democracy which underlie the Coöperative Movement is urgently needed in the world today.

2. That consumer coöperation can contribute greatly toward the solution of some of the South's most serious economic and social problems.

3. That the movement should be built by slow, steady growth along sound educational lines, preferably on an informal study-group basis.

4. That group recreation can be an important aid to the spirit of coöperation.

5. That the Coöperative Movement in the Southeast should be a coördinated program sponsored by existing coöperative organizations.

Among the purposes and objectives of SCEA are these:

1. To promote education for coöperation by means of literature, films, speakers, study clubs, group recreation, and conferences.

2. To aid in the organization and management of coöperatives.

3. To provide a clearing house for the interchange of information and the coordination of activities among coöperatives.

4. To work toward the establishment of one or more coöperative wholesales in the Southeast.

5. To obtain the interest of churches, schools, community clubs and associations, industrial and agricultural groups, and other public service and character-building agencies in educating their people in the principles of coöperative economic democracy.

SERVICES OF SCEA

As the southeastern member of the Coöperative League of the United States, SCEA brings to this region the resources of the national Coöperative Movement. The services of SCEA include:

Periodicals

Southeastern Cooperator—published monthly, digesting news of the cooperative world and reporting activities of cooperatives in the Southeast.

Newsletter—published occasionally, reporting special activities of SCEA.

Combined subscription free to individual members, $ .50 to group members, $1.00 to others.

Literature

Books and pamphlets on coöperation may be purchased through SCEA; reductions on quantity orders.

Films

The Lord Helps Those Who Help Each Other—three-reel film of study groups and coöperatives in Nova Scotia. First showing, $3.50; additional showings, $1.75; per week, $10.50.

Consumers Serve Themselves—one-reel color film of model coöperative grocery store. First showing, $2.50; additional showings, $1.25; per week, $6.00.

Both films together—first showing, $5.00; additional showings, $2.50; per week, $15.00.

Other films available on request.

Posters

A variety of posters, produced by Coöperative Design Service, are available at nominal prices.

Speakers

Speakers qualified to discuss various aspects of cooperation are supplied upon request for meetings of coöperatives and other organization. Groups are asked to help defray expenses.

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Field representative assists in organization, programs of study, and problems of administration. Services available without charge, but groups are asked to help defray living expenses.

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January 4, 1941

Request to sponsor

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Those of us who recognize, and are sympathetic to, the role of trade unions in bettering conditions of working people and in making for more effective democracy generally, are greatly alarmed by the wave of anti-labor legislation now being introduced in Congress and in the states.

Behind all this legislation are powerful, undemocratic and selfish forces who are planning to use the defense program as an excuse for depriving labor of the most elementary legal protections won in the past twenty years. These anti-labor forces would destroy the rights of labor, not only because trade unions raise the economic standards of the working people, but also because organized labor is the central force in improving the life and well-being of the people as a whole. It has taken many years to remove unjust anti-labor laws passed during the wave of hysteria that attended the World War.

Certain of these proposed measures would weaken and undermine existing labor laws such as the Fair Labor Standards Act. Others are calculated to deny to labor the right to carry on the most ordinary union activities. Of the latter type, the Smith Bill and the Hoffman Bill are among the most dangerous.

These bills provide for compulsory arbitration and forced contracts, and would outlaw the right to strike. In discussing the danger to democracy of such proposed legislation, Senator Wagner stated on December 24, "We cannot hope to succeed by adopting Hitler's methods." I believe you will also agree, as I do, with Senator Elbert Thomas, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, who stated a few days ago that:

> "Compulsory arbitration is fraught with strong objections in my mind. I do not want to see the state step into the situation with that much power. I believe in cooling-off periods but they should be brought about through collective bargaining contracts entered into by labor and management on a fair basis.

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"If you take the right to strike from the working man, you take from him all that he has. A property owner can fall back on his property; a banker upon his securities; a merchant upon his merchandise; but a worker has only the right to strike. It is his sole weapon.

"The right to strike...is as definite a part of our civil liberties as the right to free speech, free press and assembly."

8-31-18

For these reasons, I am asking you to join with me in lending your name to a statement, a copy of which is enclosed, to be addressed to Congressman Hatton W. Sumners, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, calling for defeat of the Smith and Hoffman Bills. Since these particular bills will have died in committee in this session of Congress, I also ask that you lend your name in opposing passage of similar legislation upon its reintroduction.

Would you also suggest the names of other Southerners, prominent in public life, whom you think would sign this letter.

I would urge that you register your individual protest to Congressman Sumners as well as to your own Congressman.

You may use the enclosed post card for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

John B Thompson

John B. Thompson

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18-31-20

Request to sponsor

July 23, 1941

William E. DuBois, Ph.D.,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Doctor DuBois:

More than two years ago a small group of leaders in the South, under the Chairmanship of Barry Bingham, undertook a task that has had increasing meaning and influence on social progress in the South - the organization of the Southern Conference on Tomorrow's Children.

Through the exchange of ideas, this group has sought to focus the attention of Southern educators, business men, doctors, government officials and lay persons generally on the problem of our children of tomorrow. We feel that upon them rests the future of the South. For their quality will make, in no small degree, the American society of the future.

Since the organization of the first Southern Conference, which was held in Atlanta on November 9, 10, and 11, 1939, two other regions have followed our example. Last year the first New England Conference on Tomorrow's Children was held at Harvard University and a Mid-West Conference was held in Chicago. Rightly, therefore, I think we can take pride in having set in motion a force for social good that is taking on increasing meaning both to the South and to the nation.

This year the third Southern Conference is to be held in Nashville, sponsored by a group of about three hundred men and women in the South and by the Birth Control Federation of America, which has assisted the conference financially since it began.

Because of your interest in the welfare of the South, we invite you to join the sponsoring group of the Conference. It will mean much to the success of the Conference this year and in the future, to have you as a sponsor. Won't you accept by returning the enclosed card?

Sincerely yours,

William E. Cole

William E. Cole,
Executive Chairman

Answered yes

WEC:Gph
Enclosure

[Southern Governors Conference]

4 April 1941

My dear Sir:

18-27-54

Atlanta University is holding April 17, 18 and 19 the FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE and Twenty-Fifth Atlanta University Conference. Some forty Negro institutions of the South are going to be present and we are going to begin a systematic study of the economic condition and trends of the American Negro. We are hoping to lay out a long time plan of cooperation both for information and remedies.

I am writing you as general chairman of the ten year campaign committee of the Southern Governors Conference. I should be very glad to have some basis of cooperation and interchange of information between that organization and this so that we could work in common for the uplift of the working population of the South. I should appreciate hearing from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Clarence Poe
Progressive Farmer
Raleigh, North Carolina

[Southern Governor's Conf.]

RALEIGH BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS DALLAS

Raleigh, N.C.,
April 10, 1941.

19-41-93

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Phylon
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I appreciate your letter of April 4 and am glad to assure you that the leaders of the Campaign for Balanced Prosperity in the South 1940-50 are giving especial attention to reaching and aiding our Negro population.

For my own part, in a radio address Monday night, an address at the agricultural college Tuesday night, and in an editorial for our next Progressive Farmer, I have stressed the importance of enlisting rich and poor, white and black in our movement. I attach copy of my editorial herewith.

We shall be very glad to have you present this matter at your meeting and I shall be glad to have any suggestions that occur to you.

Sincerely yours

Clarence Poe

Clarence Poe

President and Editor

TEXAS MISSISSIPPI VALLEY KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE GEORGIA-ALABAMA-FLORIDA CAROLINAS-VIRGINIA

[Enc.]

RICH AND POOR, WHITE AND NEGRO

Who should enlist in this campaign? Everybody in the Carolinas and Virginia, rich and poor, white and black. Negroes have shown great enthusiasm and white farmers should encourage Negro enrollment. Both for selfish as well as unselfish reasons, white landowners can no longer be indifferent to poverty, malnutrition and ill health among Negroes.... or among white tenants. If they will think about it, many Southern landlords could now say, "More of our own sons must now go to camp--simply because many tenant families, white and black, never had enough milk, meat, eggs, and vegetables or proper medical care. Hence the sons in such families are not now fit to fight...and more landowners' sons must take their places."

To what extent malnutrition and lack of medical care are responsible for army rejections has just been shown in an

English experiment. Nine hundred rejected young men were sent to a special camp, given four nourishing meals a day and proper medical care--and at the end of six months, 87% qualified for service! As Dr. Thomas Parran of the U. S. Health Service declares:

> It is a national disgrace that from 30 to 40 per cent of men otherwise available for military service are being deferred by reason of physical defects.

No matter whether Hitler is defeated soon or late, sound national defense now requires three great reforms in the rural South. First, better medical service for all our poor, white and black. Second, have all farm families everywhere every year asked to meet established standards of food and feed production--following, if possible, Dr. Butler's sound rule, "Consider how much you have on hand, then estimate how much you should plant this year--and then always plant 25% more than you estimate!" Third, all women, both landowners and tenants, must learn the basic rules of health and nutrition.

18-41

Southern Negro Youth Congress

514 Masonic Temple Building
Telephone 3-2448
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

November 27, '41

Request for appointment

18-37-21

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This letter is being written to introduce Mr. Louis E. Burnham, the Organizational Secretary of the Southern Negro Youth Congress, who will be in Atlanta for a week beginning with December the first.

Mr. Burnham is very anxious to meet and talk with you concerning the program of the Southern Negro Youth Congress and discuss the problems of Negro youth in the South.

You will receive a call from him early during the week to arrange an appointment at your convenience. We wish to thank you in advance for any kindness shown Mr. Burnham.

Very sincerely yours,
Esther V. Cooper
Esther V. Cooper
Administrative Secretary

EVC/j

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December 18, 1941

Request for financial assistance

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

18-31-15

Please accept my thanks for your helpful comments concerning the Southern Negro Youth Congress during my recent trip to Atlanta.

The little folder which accompanies this letter explains itself. It tells about the history, the aims, and the current activities of the Southern Negro Youth Congress. It asks for your help in the effort to meet "our great and urgent challenge."

I merely want to add something which we could not say when this folder was written. Today our country is at war. We have already begun to look in the newspapers for familiar names on the casualty lists. The first citizen of Birmingham, Alabama, to give his life for his country in the Pacific battles was 20-year old Julius Ellsberry, mess attendant first class - Negro.

We in the Youth Congress feel that we have an especial duty to perform for Julius Ellsberry and thousands of other Negro youth who offer their lives in the battle against Axis enslavement. That duty is: to initiate fruitful discussions and forums on the nature of the war, so that none shall die without knowing the full meaning of his sacrifice; to keep the home fires burning by increasing the part played by youth in civilian defense programs; to press for all democratic advances for our youth which contribute to the winning of the war.

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18-31-16

To fulfill this responsibility we must enlarge our modest facilities. A special Christmas issue of our publication, CAVALCADE, is held in the printer for lack of funds. Your contribution will help to place it before the public. Our opportunities today are great. Similarly, our needs are large and immediate ones. We count on you, as a friend of youth, to help us in this work - to make a contribution now so that CAVALCADE may appear, and to send us a pledge of a regular monthly donation to the activities of the Southern Negro Youth Congress.

Together with the hope that we may hear from you by return mail, please accept our every best wish for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

Louis E. Burnham

Louis E. Burnham
Organizational Secretary

LEB/c
incl.

6 January 1941

Sir:

I have to speak in Jefferson City, Missouri at three p. m., Sunday, January twelfth. I should like to leave here at 6:10 p. m. Friday, January tenth and secure transportation and pullman reservations for the round-trip. I would leave Jefferson City on Tuesday, January fourteenth.

Can you advise me as to whether this would be the best train and as to the cost and could you make me the pullman reservations. You will remember that I am a colored professor in Atlanta University.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

City Passenger Agent
Southern Railway
57 Luckie Street Northwest
Atlanta, Georgia

3 March 1941

Sir:

I should like to engage the following accomodations:

1. A round trip ticket Atlanta to Chicago and return leaving Atlanta at 6:10 Friday night, March seventh

2. A lower berth from Atlanta to Cincinnati for Friday night and a seat from Cincinnati to Indianapolis over the Big Four leaving Cincinnati at eight o'clock Saturday morning, March eighth

3. A lower berth from Indianapolis to Chicago leaving Indianapolis at 1:55 a. m. the morning of Monday, March tenth

4. A compartment for one passenger from Chicago leaving at 11:45 p. m., Monday, March tenth, to Atlanta arriving at eight p. m. Tuesday, March eleventh.

I should like to have you supply as far as you can tickets or reservations for this trip.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

The City Ticket Agent
Southern Railway
57 Luckie Street Northwest
Atlanta

16 April 1941

Dear Sir:

I should like a round trip ticket from Atlanta to Cincinnati and return. I should like a lower berth for the train leaving Atlanta, Saturday, April nineteenth, at 6:10 p. m. and also a lower berth on the train leaving Cincinnati at 10:00 p. m., April twenty-ninth. I should be glad if you can secure these accomodations for me.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

City Ticket Agent
Southern Railway
Atlanta

[SOUTHERN RAILWAY ?]

6 November 1941

Sir:

Will you please reserve for me a seat on the streamline train to Chicago at 8:17, Tuesday morning, November eleventh? I wish a roundtrip coach ticket. You will remember that I am a colored teacher at Atlanta University. My telephone number is - Walnut 7956.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

City Passenger Agent
City Ticket Agent
57 Luckie Street
Atlanta

3 December 1941

Gentlemen:

Will you please reserve me a seat in the Streamliner Southern coach train #48 leaving Atlanta at 8:30 p. m. EST on Friday, December nineteenth? I wish a round trip to Washington and would like to have you reserve me a chair on #47 leaving Washington at 8:50 p. m. Saturday, January third.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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ATLANTA, GA., December 4, 1941 W

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18-41

W. E. B.Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of yours of December 4th, regarding reservations on "The Southerner" from Atlanta to New YorkCity.

I am sorry but all reservations have ~~been~~ taken on December 19th for colored. Also New York is sold out on January 4th.

If you desire another date, or we can be of further assistance to you, please let us know.

Yours truly,

G. M. Lawrence

Assistant General Passenger Agent.

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February 4, 1941

18-44-177

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am planning to be in Atlanta on January 6th and 7th. As requested by you, I will either call at your office or telephone you in order that the appointment can be arranged.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Clark.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
F. G. CLARK, PRESIDENT
SCOTLANDVILLE, LOUISIANA

February 18,1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Editor
Phylon
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

18-44-173

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Acknowledgement is made of your letter of February 15th, as well as the statement concerning the First Phylon Institute to be held at Atlanta University April 17, 18, and 19.

Answering your request with reference to our faculty members, I am giving the names of Miss Elsie M. Lewis and Dr. Wm. T. Fontaine both of whom are instructors in our Social Sciences Division. I believe that, Miss Lewis has the more experience with reference to having a first-hand knowledge of the economic and social conditions of the Negro in our area in view of the fact that her work and her interest have been definitely in these fields. At the same time, Dr. Fontaine might have a contribution to make because of his over-view of the field. Both of them can be addressed here at Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

FGC:t

President.

It has just occurred to me that the change of date of your meeting will delay or prevent my being there, however, this will not affect the other members above.

F.G.C.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
F. G. CLARK, PRESIDENT
SCOTLANDVILLE, LOUISIANA

March 7, 1941

18-44-174

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

As mentioned in the recent letter to you, I now find it impossible to be with you in your Phylon Institute April 17, 18, 19th. A change in date interferes with a previous speaking engagement. However, we are hoping to send along one or two of our instructors in Economics.

Yours very truly,

President

FGC:d

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
F. G. CLARK, PRESIDENT
SCOTLANDVILLE, LA.

March 17, 1941

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

18-41-57

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

In reply to your request for data concerning the economic and social condition of the Negro in Louisiana I regret to say that the subject is connected with my major field only in an indirect way. Though conscious of the social economic problem of the race, still my immediate interest as a would-be philosopher has been the extent to which the so-called disinterested knowledge of the Negro scholar is functionally dependent upon "social position." In other words, I have been concerned with "ideology" and the "sociology of knowledge." In this undertaking I have analyzed the major works of Negro scholars in practically all of the social sciences as well as a few in the natural sciences. I hope to have this publication ready shortly.

Sometime ago January, 1940 the J. of Negro History published an article: "Contemporary Negro Thought Interpreted from the Standpoint of the Sociology of Knowledge." Though I am now aware of its shortcomings still it will give you some idea of the thing I am trying to do.

I hope to be present at the meeting. Permit me to congratulate you upon such a practical undertaking and I cherish with you hope for its great success.

Very sincerely yours,
W. T. Fontaine
W. T. Fontaine.

WTF/wbf

18-41-62

Southern University
Scotlandville, La.
March 26, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta Georgia

At the outset, I should like to apologize for my delay in answering your letter of March sixth, relative to the First Phylon Institute and the Twenty-Fifth Atlanta conference. My delay was caused by the uncertainty of whether I would be able to attend the conference. At the same time, Southern University is sponsoing a state wide conference on the Economic condition of Negroes in Louisiana and I am responsible for presenting certain forts at this conference.

I have conducted some studies here in Louisiana with reference to the economic condition as well as certain social trends of Negroes.

At present I am unable to say definitely whether I shall be able to attend the Atlanta conference, because I am making every effort to do so.

Thank you for your kind invitation and with the hope that I shall see you in the conference, I am,

Very truly yours,
Elsie M. Lewis

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November 3, 1941

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-25-27

Dear Dr. DuBois:

As you will observe from the program which has been sent to you. We are asking you to be with us in the afternoon session of our Land-Grant College meeting, November 11th.

If the subject as stated on the tentative program is not in keeping with your own choosing don't worry about it. My experience has been that speakers usually talk on whatever they have in mind despite all elase.

Looking forward to seeing you in Chicago, I am

Very truly yours,

F. G. Clark
President.

5 November 1941

12-25-22

My dear President Clark:

I shall be in Chicago, November 11, to speak at the meeting of the Land-Grant Colleges. No program has been sent me. Please let me know the time and place.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Felton G. Clark
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JESSICA SMITH EDITOR SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY.

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SPELMAN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

February 24, 1941

Dear Doctor Du Bois:

Your letter about the Phylon Institute has been received.

18-27-55

You know so well the resources of the Spelman College faculty that I hesitate to mention any individuals.

John Hope Jr., who is studying this year at the University of Chicago, is well-informed about some phases of the economic condition of the Negro, and as you know he is especially interested in cooperatives. His work on his doctorate at Chicago ought to have contributed further to his knowledge of the subject.

As to social conditions among Negroes, the members of the faculty of Spelman College who, I should think, would be most competent to speak are:

Mrs. Margaret Nabrit Curry
Mrs. Elizabeth Perry Cannon
Mr. B. F. Bullock

Perhaps Mr. Whiting's name should be included. But, you know these people and you will know better whether there are any of these, or whether there are others I have not mentioned, who could participate helpfully in your discussion.

Sincerely yours,

Florence M. Read

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

FMR:t

[SPELMAN COLL.]

SPELMAN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

11-14-81

February 26, 1941

Dear Doctor DuBois:

More about Doctor Ferenczi. I have received a letter this week from Dr. Edgar J. Fisher saying that he believes that it will be possible for Doctor Ferenczi to stop in Atlanta on his return from Florida; that this may be during the week of March 17, or perhaps on the 24 or 25. He promises to let me know as soon as he knows definitely.

Would you like to arrange something for Doctor Ferenczi if he can come in March?

Sincerely yours,

Florence M. Read

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

FMR:t

SPELMAN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

February 27, 1941

91-14-81

Dear Dr. DuBois, -

I'm so sorry you can't come to dinner tonight. I thought I was doing awfully well to invite you more than 24 hours ahead of time! Mr. + Mrs. Ede are coming — and you could go home early — at 7 — because the Fine Arts students + teachers are having a party for them from 7 to 9. I suppose there is no chance?

Sincerely yours —
and a trifle hopefully,

Florence M. Read

[SPELMAN COLL.]

5 March 1941

Memorandum to President Read:

I should like very much to help arrange something for Dr. Ferenczi if he can come in March. Of course, there are the classes or consolidation of classes; there are the seminars in history and sociology and the question of larger assemblies. I will cooperate in anything you suggest.

8-14-81

President Florence M. Read
Spelman College
Atlanta

[SPELMAN COLL.]

7 March 1941

G.4 Department of Sociology

18-32-5

My dear Miss Hotchkiss:

I am afraid it was my fault that the classes were mixed up yesterday. I meant first to have the joint meetings March 8 and March 11 and then I changed them to March 11 and March 13. Now I find that Commander Romero will not be here March 13 so I should be very glad if your class could join mine here on March 11 at 4:10 and listen to a discussion of RACE PROBLEMS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Alice Hotchkiss
Spelman College

To be here Thursday 20 I FMA

WEBD 3/15/41 ESPELMAN COLL. (FLORENCE READ) MARCH 15, 1941

DR. IMRE FERENCZI

Dr. Ferenczi has been Technical Adviser on Migration and Population Questions at the International Labor Office in Geneva since 1920, and during five years of this time he was acting chief of its Migration Section. Formerly, he was Lecturer on Social Policy at Budapest University and Technical Adviser to the Municipality of Budapest. He has lectured at other institutions, including Kiel University and the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva.

Early in his career a study on housing conditions in thirty towns abroad was the basis of the Budapest housing scheme (1908-1914). As a result of this study he was elected Vice-Chairman of the International Housing Congress at the Hague. Since 1908 he has represented the Hungarian Section at conventions of the International Association on Unemployment and the International Association on Labour Legislation. His later publications influenced the discussions and findings of the Ghent Congress, 1913, and of the first International Labor Conference in Washington, 1919.

The list of Dr. Ferenczi's publications, written in many languages including English, French, German, Italian and his native Hungarian, is too long to include on this sheet, but the following are among his best-known works:

Unemployment and International Migrations (Paris 1912, Jena 1913)
Migration Movements, (1923 I.L.O. 1934)
International Migrations, (Vol. I Statistics, National Bureau of Economic Research, New York City 1929)
World's Alien Statistics; a Comparative Study of Census Returns 1910-1920-1930 (I.L.O. 1936)
The Synthetic Optimum of Population; An Outline of an International Demographic Policy (International Institute of Intellectual Cooperation, Paris, 1938)
Articles in -
Encyclopaedia Britannica
Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences

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[SPELMAN COLL.]

18 July 1941

18-41-B

My dear Miss Read:

I appreciate your plea for the John Hope Fund and I wish I could contribute to it but I feel that what I have pledged should go one-half to the Morehouse College Endowment Fund and one-half to the E. A. Ware Memorial Fund.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Florence M. Read
Spelman College
Atlanta

[SPELMAN COL]

SPELMAN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

18-41-20

November 19, 1941

Memorandum to Dr. DuBois

Dr. Hilda Weiss will be glad to meet your class in SOCIAL THEORY on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of next week in accordance with the request in your memorandum of November 18.

The meeting in Havana sounds alluring.

Florence M. Read

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

FMR:dd

1941 — [AMY SPINGARN]

TROUTBECK
AMENIA
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Dear Dr. Du Bois —

I don't know if you have heard that the Yale University Library is building up a great collection of books and Mss. by Colored writers. The Librarian (Bernhard Knollenberg) an old friend of Joel's & mine has asked me to write to you to ask if you would be willing to have me send your letters to Joel provided they promise to keep them under lock & key during

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your lifetime. This would protect you & at the same time insure that the letters would be available to Scholars & historians of the future —

as this agreeable to you?

With best wishes

Amy Spingarn

16 Nov 1941

1 December 1941

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My dear Mrs. Spingarn:

I can see no objection to letting Yale have my correspondence with Joel. I do not imagine there will be anything in this matter which would be particularly compromising to me or anyone else so you have my permission to do as you like.

I have just returned from a most interesting trip to Cuba.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Amy Spingarn
Troutbeck
Amenia
New York

17-26-15

ARTHUR B SPINGARN
36 WEST 44TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Feb. 10th, 1941.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:-

Thank you very much for your letter of Feb. 6th.

I am sorry that I did not see you when you were in New York at Christmas time. I had quite a bad time of it and although I am not quite recovered, I am on the road and within a couple of weeks I hope to be my old self.

With cordial regards, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Arthur B. Spingarn

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HAROLD A. STEVENS

18-25-71

March 29, 1941

Dr. W. E. DuBois
Amsterdam Star-News
2340 Eighth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter written to the Editor of the Amsterdam Star-News covering an article in your column.

Very truly yours,

Harold A. Stevens

HAROLD A. STEVENS

HAS:jb
Enc.

[Enclosure]

"Copy"

18-25-72

March 29, 1941

Amsterdam Star-News
2340 Eighth Avenue
New York, New York

To the Editor:

Dear Sir:

I read with interest, not unmixed with a degree of amusement, Dr. DuBois' column of March 8th "As the Crow Flies". In general the writer has the highest regard for Dr. DuBois and respects his opinions even though he does not always agree with them. However, some of the sweeping generalizations in that article, notably those referring to the Catholic Church, are so far fetched, factually incorrect, and contrary to what one might reasonably expect from an informed person, particularly one of Dr. DuBois caliber, that they should not be allowed to pass unnoticed or unchallenged.

I could not help wondering if Father Coogan had touched a sore spot of prejudice in Dr. DuBois, or found the Achilles' heel in his make-up when he gently questioned his speaking Ex-Cathedra on matters Catholic. Certainly the reply would suggest it, not only in manner of address but in content of subject matter as well.

Dr. DuBois falls into a common error and one for which the Negro criticizes bitterly the other Races that of ascribing to groups, races or sects, the defections of individuals while restricting or limiting the charitable works, to the individuals or persons involved.

It would be interesting to know the sources of Dr. DuBois' information and what proof he has for his statements. It might enlighten him to know there are 1600 Nuns in the United States devoting their full time to work among the colored people, and that of this group approximately 400 of the sisters are colored. That instead of individual priests there are 386 priests devoting full time to the Negro in the United States, and approximately the same number giving a portion of their time to work among the colored.

8-25-73

One might cite other instances where th e article falls short of accuracy but why go on. Despite Dr. Dubois' unquestioned ability and the remarkable work he has done, he does not seem to view the Faith with that fine impartiality which is characteristic of his attitude in other matters.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD A.STEVENS

HAS:jb

210 W. W. 153rd St.
Apt 1C
New York N.Y.
Nov 15, 1941

Atlanta University
School of Sociology
Office of Dean

Dr. W. E. Du Bois
Atlanta Ga.

18-33-1

Dear Dr. W. E. Du Bois:-

Kindly send me literature and publicity on the Pan-African Congress that will meet in Port Au Prince Haiti 1942. I am planning to attend this meeting and also am trying to encourage others to do likewise. All information you send will be greatly appreciated by me.

Sincerely Yours
W. J. Stevens

20 November 1941

18-35-J

My dear Sir:

There has been no meeting of the Pan African Congress set as yet. We are hoping that we may have a meeting in 1942.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. M. J. Stevens
210 Northwest 153 Street
Apartment 1-C
New York City

Request for information

16 July 1941

18-33-163

Gentlemen:

During the last few years I have been spending about twelve or fifteen dollars a year with you for cleaning and pressing of clothes. I find this year that apparently you no longer hire colored helpers on your delivery wagons. I think that it is only fair that in the future I confine my patronage to those who reciprocate by hiring colored people.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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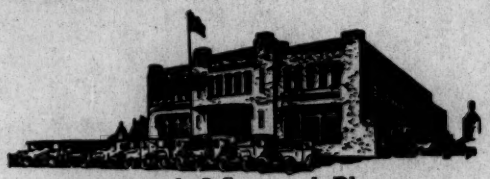

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Prejudice

July 19, 1941

18-41-107

W.E.B. DuBois,
Box 356,
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Answering yours of 16, you have been given the wrong information. We have not disposed of our colored helpers. They left of their own free will and accord, except one, who was dismissed, because he persistently changed prices on tickets and apparently pocketed the difference.

The driver who probably served you, Lee Smith, stayed off for several days and when we got him back worked for awhile and left again, and has never given a reason for leaving. We did not want him to leave as he was a very good driver.

It is for the reason that you have been a customer of ours for some time that we are giving you this explanation, but of course you know business has to go on, and if one person refuses to work some one has to be put in their place.

Very truly yours,

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18-33-103

IRVING STONE
ENCINO, CALIFORNIA

February 6, 1941

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

Your letter arrived at a very timely moment, for I was just writing about the Sweet case and Mr. Darrow's life-long friendship for the Negro. I have used your comments about the matter and I think I shall also use the amusing anecdote.

I think that you will like the work I have done in relation to the problems between the whites and the colored people in America.

Sincerely yours,

Irving Stone

fm

[Stouffer, Samuel A.]

4 April 1941

18-27-76

My dear Sir:

Atlanta University is holding April 17, 18 and 19 the FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE and Twenty-Fifth Atlanta University Conference. Some forty Negro institutions of the South are going to be present and we are going to begin a systematic study of the economic condition and trends of the American Negro. We are hoping to lay out a long time plan of cooperation both for information and remedies. I understand that you have already collected for the Myrdal study a good deal of material bearing on population, vital statistics, health, etc. of the Negro population. I am wondering if it would be possible for us to have a copy of any of this memoranda. I can easily understand that this may not be feasible but if you can help us in any way I would appreciate it.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Samuel M. Stouffer
Board of Public Education
Wilmington, Delaware

Mr. Flourant
Social Science Building
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Flourant
Social Science Building
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois
bearing on migration

[Stowes Teachers College]

ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STOWE TEACHERS COLLEGE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

October 23, 1941

Lectures

Dr. William E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-23-21

My dear Dr. DuBois:

We are very pleased to extend to you an invitation to visit Stowe Teachers College at some time within the very near future. We feel that you will enjoy meeting the interesting group of young people who are pursuing work which will prepare them to enter the profession of teaching. We know that the students will gain large benefits from your visit.

It is the purpose of the college to offer to the students not only limited professional training, but also cultural experiences as well. In an attempt to adequately fulfill this purpose, we present programs at the time of the general assembly meetings which comprise lectures, recitals and related performances.

We know of your outstanding accomplishments and your rich experiences, and we do hope that you will be able to share with us some of the finer expressions of your life. There are open dates on our calendar; we know of no person who could contribute more to the cultural enrichment of the lives of our students than you, yourself.

If you plan to be in St. Louis during the months of October, November or December of this year, we hope that you will make a special effort to reserve a time on your schedule to meet our students. If you have not, however, made plans for coming to this section within the next few months, we shall be very pleased to discuss with you the possible cost of a trip made in the interest of our college alone.

Won't you kindly write any details relative to the plans which will make it very convenient and agreeable for you to visit us?

Very sincerely yours,

Blanche L. Hayes

Blanche L. Hayes, Chairman
Student Activity Committee

BLH/W

18-23-22

28 October 1941

My dear Madam:

I have your letter of October 23. I am not planning to give many lectures this season on account of the press of literary work. I have, therefore, made one set fee: my charge for a lecture is one hundred dollars with travel expenses. If in connection with any particular lecture a second or third lecture can be made, the expense of travel can be divided.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Blanche L. Hayes, Chairman
Student Activity Committee
Stowe Teachers College
St. Louis, Missouri

18-35-20

409 Edgecombe Avenue
New York, N. Y.
May 16, 1941

Dear Dr. DuBois:

It takes all types of minds to make up this world. There are some who have followed you a certain distance, only to see better ways to make some people happier. It is not sanctity that I seek; it is clarity in a fog of race love and race hatred.

Sincerely,

George Streator

George Streator

DR. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

25 March 1941

Students

My dear Mr. Suitt:

I have gone over your paper carefully and asked a colleague also to read it. Frankly I am unable to see how I can possibly give you a passing mark on this paper. However, before I come to a decision which would absolutely bar you from the master's degree, I am taking the matter up with Mr. Reid.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-28

Mr. E. Vincent Suitt
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

1 April 1941

Students

18-28

Memo to Mr. Suitt:

Mr. Reid confirms my judgment of the enclosed paper. It is not good and I cannot give you a passing mark.

Mr. E. Vincent Suitt
Atlanta University
Atlanta

[Swift]

Request for information

47 Pearsons Hall
Maryville College
Maryville, Tennessee
May 2, 1941

39-23-81

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
My dear Sir

It has been suggested that you would be helpful in providing me with some information that I am seeking for a term paper. My topic is 'The Negro and Aesthetics'

Perhaps out of your own studying you have encountered thoughts on the Negro's idea of beauty and the meaning it has for him. No doubt, you probably know some books or other sources which might be used for reference material. And again, you may be able to refer me to other persons in the various departments of Atlanta University who could add something to the information I am seeking.

Whatever you may be able to do for me, will be greatly appreciated. Such a term paper would be an excellent opportunity for spreading an appreciation of Negro thought to the White race, and I would be grateful for any assistance you might give me in making this possible.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Ann Swift

My dear Mr. Du Bois,

Evidently you received the first draft of my letter to you, or a letter addressed to someone else. Excuse my mistake, please, for this is the letter I meant for you to have.

B. A. Swift

18-36-67

6 May 1941

My dear Madam:

I would advise you to consult THE NEW NEGRO edited by Alain Locked, published in 1925, pages 19, 153, 199, etc; also THE NEGRO IN ART by Mr. Locke in 1941. J. W. Work at Fisk has the latest study of the Negro folk songs. Another book which might help you is Brawley, THE NEGRO GENIUS.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Barbara Ann Swift
417 Pearsons Hall
Maryville College
Maryville, Tennessee

[SWITZERLAND]

3 April 1941

18-35-80

Gentlemen:

I have just received a letter, a copy of which I enclose, from Charles Tauber-Brown of Zurich, Switzerland. Can you inform me whether or not the book and microfilm have ever been sent him and whether anything further can be done?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

(over)

The Swiss Legation
Washington, D. C.

TALLADEGA COLLEGE
FOUNDED IN 1867 BY
THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION
TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

BUELL G. GALLAGHER,
PRESIDENT

March 3, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

1-27-5
1-28

Dear Doctor Du Bois:

I am interested in the forthcoming Phylon Institute--especially so since the Carnegie Foundation is partly financing your effort in this direction. That is sufficient indication of their belief that this work will be profitably carried on in spite of the rather comprehensive study which the Carnegie Corporation has been carrying through.

I am suggesting that you correspond with Mr. Herman Kranold, Professor of Economics at Talladega College, who is particularly interested in this very field.

Yours very cordially,

Buell G. Gallagher

[Talladega College]

7 April 1941

My dear Mr. Kranold:

President Gallagher has mentioned your name as one who might be interested in attending the FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE and Twenty-Fifth Atlanta University conference. We are meeting her April 17, 18 and 19 and taking up the question of the present economic condition and trends of the American Negro. We want to inaugurate long time planning and cooperation for the future adjustment of American Negroes into the economy of this country. I hope you can be present and that you will let us know of any studies you have made or are planning concerning the ecnomic condition of Negroes in Alabama or elsewhere.

12-7-81

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Herman Kranold
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

SOCIAL SCIENCES
ECONOMICS

TALLADEGA COLLEGE
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION
TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

April 8, 1941

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I-22-4

Thanks very much for your letter of April 7 re your Conference on April 17 seq. I am sorry to be unable to come, as I cannot go away from my students for 2 full teaching days as the College does not provide any travelling funds. Moreover, I have nothing to report about research concerning the economic condition of the Negroes. Elaborate plans I had in that regard some time ago have come to to nothing, partly because of the impossibility of getting the necessary funds, & partly because the teaching load I have to carry makes it impossible to undertake such a thing.

Very sincerely yours,

Herman Kranold

THOMAS WASHINGTON TALLEY
908 SEVENTEENTH AVENUE NORTH
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 5th 1941.

18-35-21

Dear Friend Dr. DuBois:

I am sending under separate cover, by insured Parcels Post, "Negro Traditions" (Stories) in the little gray box, and "The Origin of Traditions" in the other box in the same package. They are products of my "hobby" to give relief from rather close scientific thinking which I must try to do in the larger number of moments of my time. I originally planned "The Origin of Traditions" as a kind of set of lectures to be offered, should I be fortunate enough to have such a demand. I realized, however, the very slight chance that such a demand would be made upon one working primarily in my field of Science. Hope you may find them worthwhile. I am inclosing a self addressed postal card for you to mail to me upon receipt of the package. Appreciative of all your kindness to me, I am

Your friend T. W. Talley

18-35-22

10 May 1941

My dear Mr. Talley:

Your package with the two manuscripts is safely at hand. I will go over them as soon as I have time and write you about them. It was nice to see you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. T. W. Talley
908 Seventeenth Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee

THOMAS WASHINGTON TALLEY
905 SEVENTEENTH AVENUE NORTH
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 20th 1941.

18-35-23

Dear Friend Dr. DuBois:

Your beautiful Address delived at Fisk during the 75th Anniversary somehow again and again returns to haunt me. I have finally plucked up enough courage to offer a suggestion to you. The world seems to me to really want a record of worthwhile accomplishments on the part of the Negro to die. I think I saw in your Address that which will at least keep a part of the Negro's accomplishments alive. I think if you could see your way to write in somewhat expanded form this Allegory-like account of what the Negro has done over the entire literary field; it would be read by youth with a zest akin to that offered through Novels. Thus a knowledge of our accomplishments would survive here despite race prejudice.

Your old friend

T. W. Talley.

18-35-24

20 November 1941

My dear Talley:

I am working through your most interesting collection of Negro traditions. Do not think that I have forgotten it. It is a valuable collection but how, when and where it can be published I cannot see as yet.

I hope this will find you in good health. I shall write you again later.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. T. W. Talley
908 Seventeenth Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee

THOMAS WASHINGTON TALLEY
908 SEVENTEENTH AVENUE NORTH
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

November 24th 1941.

12-35-25

Dear Friend Dr. DuBois:

Thank you very much for your kind letter concerning my little volume of Negro Traditions and its accompanying volume of comment. I, too, fear that little can be done as to publication in these turbulent times. I am inclosing a check for one dollar for renewal of my subscription for Phylon. I am still "in the Courts" and think I may soon get a hearing. May every good attend you and your excellent work. I am,

Your old friend

T. W. Talley.

Prof. C. Tauber-Brown, Bäulistrasse 44, Zürich/Höngg (Suisse) 5th MARCH 1941
to Prof. W.E.B. Du Bois, „Phylon". Atlanta. Georgia U.S.A.

Dear Professor. The Swiss Legation at Washington D.C. was so kind as to send me your notes on pages 193/5 regarding my book „Seafarers & Hieroglyphs", American Documentation Institute, no. 1285 (1258?). I ordered and paid one copy in photoprints ($ 30.60), but unfortunately never received it. Thus I have, till now, not seen my own work & do not know how it looks. Could you do anything for me in this direction?

18-35-78

I should also have liked to see a copy in microfilm & to know whether anybody in U.S.A., besides „Phylon", has spoken of my work, & what?

It is very bad for me not to have any chance to go on with my work.

How grateful I should be for any help from your side!

Yours very faithfully

Charles Tauber-Brown

[Tauber]

18-35-79

3 April 1941

Request for information
1941

My dear Mr. Tauber-Brown:

I am writing the Swiss Legation and the American Documentation Institute concerning your book and microphilm. I hope you have heard from them before this but, of course, the war is playing havoc with all correspondence.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Professor Charles Tauber-Brown
Baulistrasse 44
Zurich Hongg
Switzerland

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[TENNESSEE A. AND I. STATE COLL.]

TENNESSEE A. & I. STATE COLLEGE · NASHVILLE ·

Office of the President

Nashville, Tennessee

26 March 41

18-44-226

Dr W E B Du Bois, Editor
Phylon
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr Du Bois:

Allow me to acknowledge receipt of your letter concerning the First Phylon Institute to be held at Atlanta University April 17, 18 and 19. We have same under advisement.

It is our plan to have someone attend this conference.

Very truly yours,

W J Hale, President

WJH
hcd

TENNESSEE AGRICULTURAL & INDUSTRIAL
STATE COLLEGE

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

GEORGE W. GORE, JR.
Dean of Instruction

March 14
19 41

Request for recommendation

18-31-44

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We are completing the application of Miss Katherine Elizabeth Bell of Newark, New Jersey, for a teaching position in this institution. Your cooperation in giving us information concerning her will be appreciated.

Enclosed is a blank for your convenience in answering.

Yours very truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

GWG:hmt

[1941?]

TENNESSEE AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Confidential estimate of the personal traits of .....

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Date, ...

Address, ...

27 March 1941

I-31-45

My dear Sir:

Answering your letter of March 14, I am unable to tabulate Miss Katherine Bell. I have known here since she was a baby. She is a young women with an excellent mind, prepossessing appearance and fine character. She is capable of hard work and has a good spirit. Both her father and mother have long been close friends of mine and are very excellent people. I think that Tennessee State College would be very fortunate if they could get Miss Bell's services.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. George W. Gore, Jr.
Tennessee Agricultural & Industrial State College
Nashville, Tennessee

[TENNESSEE A. AND I. STATE COLL.]

4 April 1941

722-44-81

My dear President Hale:

You were kind enough to say in your letter of March 26 that it was you plan to have someone attend our conference April 17, 18 and 19. Will you kindly deliver the enclosed letter to the person whom you have designated to represent you? I shall be greatly obliged.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President W. J. Hale
Tennessee A and I State College
Nashville, Tennessee

[TERMINAL STATION]

17 January 1941

Sir:

On January 11, at about noon I bought three tickets at the window facing the main waiting room and nearest to the train concourse. I am told the seller's name is R. F. Berkley. One ticket was a pullman ticket from St. Louis to Atlanta No. 2384, lower berth six in car L43 over the Louisville and Nashville. The selling price on it is marked $4.75. Another ticket was a pullman seat to Jefferson City, seat three No. 1078 in car Mo 1. The third ticket was a roundtrip ticket from St. Louis to Jefferson City, the number of which I did not record but it is put down in the time table as costing $4.40. The ticket agent charged me $10.92. I gave him a ten dollar bill and a one dollar bill. Afterward in checking the items I find that they amount to $9.70 plus a few cents for sales tax. I am writing to ask for a refund of this over-charge.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Manager
Ticket Office
Terminal Station
St. Louis, Missouri

[TEXAS COLL]

Texas College

Tyler, Texas

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 20, 1941.

99-14-81

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Box 356,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

We thank you for your letter of February 15 with the statement regarding the First Phylon Institute and the Twenty-fifth Atlanta University Conference.

We do not have an expert on the social and economic conditions of the Negro in the State of Texas, but we do have a young man here, head of our department of sociology, who has made a thorough study and compiled valuable material about the Negro in Tyler and Smith County, Texas. Since we cannot furnish the type of expert mentioned in your letter, we would like to be connected with the April Institute. We assure you that it will be a genuine pleasure to co-operate with you in any way possible.

Very truly yours,

D. R. Glass

DRG:s

D. R. Glass,
President.

[TEXAS COLL.]

Texas College

Tyler, Texas

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 8, 1941.

18-41-54

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Box 356,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

We have your letter of March 5 and in reply I am glad to know that the outlook is favorable for a good conference there in April. I was at Atlanta University in the early days of this conference and then you were doing what other schools are just now starting.

It seems that I shall not be able to attend the conference, but our sociologist will be present. I gave him your letter and you will hear from him within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

D. R. Glass

DRG:s

D. R. Glass,
President.

Texas College
Tyler, Texas
March 8, 1941

18-41-42

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Box 356
Atlanta, Georgia.

My, dear Dr. DuBois,

Your letter of March 5, 1941 was given me by President D. R. Glass, who also informed me that he would make it possible for me to attend the FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE and TWENTY-FIFTH ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE on THE ECONOMIC CONDITION AND SOCIAL TRENDS OF THE NEGRO, for which I am most thankful.

The studies that I am carrying on at Texas College are community studies of the Negro in Tyler, Texas and surrounding communities. I hope to complete these studies within the next five years. The purpose of my studies is to reveal the social and economic conditions of the East Texas Negro, and work out a functional plan for Texas College in order to train our students for community education, this training I hope, will make them conscious of the socio-economic conditions of the Negro in their respective communities, then if by chance they should become teachers, they will work out a curriculum in their schools centered on the needs of the community.

Since the community is made up of institutions, I have begun with the study of Negro institutions and community needs. I have completed the statistical tabulation of a Study of 171 Negro Families in Tyler, Texas, the schedule used in this study follows closely the schedule used by Frazier in his study of the Negro family in Chicago. I am am in the process of writing up a study of 18 Negro churches in Tyler and a socio-economic study of 306 students at Texas College. I have completed a Housing Survey of 881 Negro Families in Tyler, Texas and a Statistical Analysis of the Gray-Votaw General Achievement Tests Negro Schools Smith County.

To better understand the economic problem of the rural Negro in East Texas I have just started the field work of a study of 500 rural families in 15 different rural communities. The field work is being carried on by 20 teachers who work in these communities and are enrolled in an Extension Class that I teach.

None of my studies could be used as representives of the entire state, because of geographical limitations. Professor Bullock at Prairie View State College has made social and economic studies of the Negro in Texas and could furnish you with several bulletins and other data in this field.

I sincerely hope that the nature of my studies fall within the realm of your interest and I can be of service in your proposed study.

Sincerely yours,
Ernest E. Neal
Ernest E. Neal
Professor of Sociology

18-41-43

7 April 1941

My dear Mr. Neal:

I have read with interest your letter of March 8. I wish you would bring some results of the studies that you are making in chart form or if you wish, and will send us the data, we will have charts made. We shall be under great obligation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Ernest E. Neal
Texas College
Tyler, Texas

Texas College

Tyler, Texas

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 10, 1941

18-41-21

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois;

Enclosed are summaries of the four studies, Housing Survey of 881 Negro Families Tyler, Texas December 5, 1939, Survey of 18 Negro Churches, Tyler, Texas, 1940, Summary of Averages - Study of 171 Negro Families in a Selected Area, Tyler, Texas, and a Statistical Analysis of the Gray-Votaw General Achievement Tests - Negro Schools - Smith County, Texas.

I hope that the data enclosed will be useful in making charts for the conference. I plan to arrive in Atlanta the afternoon of the 16th.

Sincerely yours,
Ernest E. Neal
Ernest E. Neal

1939

HOUSING SURVEY OF 881 NEGRO FAMILIES

TYLER, TEXAS

INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE AND SCOPE of the study: This study was made by the request of the United States Housing Authority and under the supervision of the Tyler Chamber of Commerce, to determine by count and estimate the number of substandard dwelling units in Tyler and the number of families needing better and cheaper housing facilities.

SOURCE of DATA: The data were secured by means of a house-to house survey with a standardized schedule. The enumerators were secured from three local colleges. Students of Tyler Junior College surveyed all white families and Negroes living in predominantly white neighborhoods. While students from Butler College surveyed the Negro community surrounding Butler College. Students in the Social Research Class with a few volunteers from other sociology classes at Texas College surveyed four areas of the city that are predominantly inhabited by Negroes.

47-12-274

SUMMARY

This study covered four areas of Tyler that have a predominant Negro population. Area I is located in North Tyler, Areas II and III are located in Northwest Tyler and Area IV is located in East Tyler.

Of the 881 homes interviewed, 36.21 percent owned their homes and 60.16 percent were renters. The average size family was 3.39, and the average home was 3.76 rooms. The families spent on an average $1.05 per month for ice, $1.59 for water, $1.94 for light, $2.89 for heat and $1.59 for cooking fuel. The average cost of all utilities was $9.42 per month. The average monthly rent was $10.50.

The average monthly cost of rent and utilities was $19.62. The average income of the head of the family per month was $45.01, and the average family monthly income $54.42. The head of the families worked on an average of $10.50 months. Other members of household worked on the average of $9.97 months a year.

Only 200 or 22.70 per cent of the houses had private baths, 59.71 had electric lights, and 72.19 percent had outside toilets.

Only 210 or 23.84 percent of the houses were in good condition, 87 or 9.88 percent were unfit for use, 30.42 percent need major repairs and 35.87 needed minor repairs.

The Negro sections of Tyler are conspicuous for the lack of paved streets and paved side-walks. There was not a single paved street for Negroes in Area I only one in Areas II and III. Most of the side-walks in all areas are unpaved, and certain section of Areas II, III, and IV had no side-walks at all. This study also revelaed that there is no playgrounds for Negro children except that provided by the public schools which had no equipment. All the Areas were provided with churches of the leading Negro denominations, including a Catholic Church in Area III. All the Areas had honky-tonks and cheap places of commercialized amusement.

This survey shows without a doubt that Tyler needs a housing project which would greatly improve the living conditions of its Negro citizens, and improve the social status of the Negro Areas.

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TABLE L

HOME TENURE

Home Tenure	Number	Percent
Owner	319	36.21
Buying	4	0.45
Tenant	530	60.16
Vacant	26	2.95
Not Given	2	0.23
Total	881	100.00

TABLE II

RACE

Race	Number	Percent
White	[illegible]	[illegible]
Negro	881	100.00
Mexican		
Others		
Not Given		
Total	881	100.00

TABLE III

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN FAMILY

Number in Family	Number	Percent
1	68	7.72
2	239	27.13
3	190	21.57
4	164	18.62
5	76	8.63
6	35	3.97
7	27	3.06
8	22	2.50
9	10	1.14
10 and over	13	1.48
Not Given	37	4.20
Total	881	100.00

Mean: 3.39

47-13-276

Table IV

Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent	Number	Percent
Under $5.00	41	4.65
$5.00-9.99	216	24.52
10.00-14.99	251	28.49
15.00-19.99	26	2.95
20.00-24.99	9	1.02
25.00-29.99	0	0
30.00-34.99	1	0.11
None	304	34.50
Not Given	33	3.75
Total	881	100.00

Mean - $10.20

Table V - Number of Rooms

Number of Rooms	Number	Percent
1	33	3.75
2	145	16.46
3	199	22.59
4	207	23.50
5	160	18.16
6	71	8.06
7	21	2.38
8	13	1.48
9	4	0.45
10 and Over	3	0.34
Not Given	25	2.84
Total	881	100.00

Mean - 3.76 Rooms

47-12-277

Table VI

In come of Head of Family Per Month

Monthly Income of Head	Number	Percent
Under $10.00	73	8.29
10.00-19.99	114	12.94
20.00-29.99	115	13.05
30.00-39.99	116	13.17
40.00-49.99	91	10.33
50.00-59.99	80	9.08
60.00-69.99	105	11.92
70.00-79.99	28	3.18
80.00-89.99	34	3.86
90.00-99.99	14	1.59
100.00-109.99	23	2.61
110.00-119.99	1	0.11
120.00-129.99	7	0.79
130.00-139.99	4	0.45
140.00-149.99	1	0.11
150.00-159.99	14	1.59
Not Given	61	6.92
Total	881	100.00

Mean - $45.01

1/7-12-278

Table VII - Total Family
Income Per Month

Monthly Income of Family	Number	Percent
Under $25.00	208	23.61
25.00-49.99	230	26.11
50.00-74.99	202	22.93
75.00-99.99	93	10.56
100.00-124.99	48	5.45
125.00-149.99	19	2.16
150.00-174.99	14	1.59
175.00-199.99	6	0.68
200.00-224.99	1	0.11
225.00-249.99	1	0.11
250.00-274.99	3	0.34
275.00-299.99	0	0.00
300.00 and over	1	0.11
Not Given	55	6.24
Total	881	100.00

Mean - $54.42

47-12-279

Table VIII - Time Family
Worked During Year

Number of Months	Number	Percent
1-3	24	2.72
4-6	57	6.47
7-9	68	7.72
10-12	619	70.26
None	45	5.11
Not Given	68	7.72
Total	881	100. 00

Mean - 10.50 Months

Table IX

Time Other Members of Family Work During Year

Number of Months	Number	Percent
1-3 Months	9	1.02
4-6 "	46	5.22
7-9 "	54	6.13
10-12 "	232	26.33
None	435	49.38
Not Given	105	11.92
Total	881	100.00

Mean - 9.97 Months

Table X - Facilities

Facilities	Number	Percent
Private Bath	200	22.70
Private Indoor Flush Toilet	245	27.81
Electric Lights	526	59.71
Running Water (Private Inside)	253	28.72
Outside Toilet	636	72.19
Sewer	310	35.19
None		
Not Given		
Total	21,70	

217-12-280

Table XII - Condition of Structure

Condition	Number	Percent
Good	210	23.84
Needs Minor Repairs	316	35.87
Needs Major Repairs	268	30.42
Unfit for Use	87	9.88
Not Given		
Total	881	100.00

47-12-281

Table XI

Summary of Averages of 881 Negro Families

Tyler, Texas

Average Cost of Ice Per Month	$1.05
Average Cost of Water Per Month	1.59
Average Cost of Lights Per Month	1.94
Average Cost of Cooking Feul Per Month	1.95
Average Cost of Heat Per Month	2.89
Average Size of Family	3.39
Average Number of Rooms per House	3.76
Average Cost of Utilities per Month	9.42
Average Number of Months Other Members Worked	9.97
Average Monthly cost of rent	10.20
Average Number of Months Head of Family Worked	10.50
Average Utilities and Rent Per Month	19.62
Average Income of Head of Family Per Month	45.01
Average Income of Family per Month	54.42

47-12-282

1940

Summary of Averages - Study of 171
Negro Families in a Selected Area
Tyler, Texas

Table 1 - Average Number of Members in Household - 3.66

Table 2 - Average Age of Head of Household - 43.28 yrs.

Table 5 - Average Length of Residence in Tyler - Head - 14.81 yrs.

Table 5 A - Average Length of Residence at Present Address - Head - 13.41 yrs.

Table 7 - Average Time on Present Job - Head - 6.51 yrs.

Table 8 - Average Weekly Earning of Head - $15.48

Table 9 - Average Number of Weeks Unemployed Past Year, Head - 13.37 wks.

Table 10 - Average School Grade Completed, Head - 9.61 Grade

Table 11 - Average Year Arrived in Tyler - 1930

Table 12 - Average Number of Children Dead - 1.74

Table 13 - Average Ages at Death - 6.35

Table 15 - Average Number of Children Away from Home - 2.28

Table 16 - Average Family Weekly Income - $23.40

Table 19 - Average Rent Per Week - $2.45

Table 20 - Average Number of Rooms - 4.96 Rooms

Table 21 - Average Number of Sleeping Rooms - 2.65

Table 22 - Average Monthly Payments on Home - $10.75

Table 27 C - Average Number of Books - 38.78 Books

Table 29 - Average Number Attending Church - 3.23

Table 30 - Average Number who Vote - 1.88

Table 41 - Average Weekly Expenditure for Food in Winter - $4.73

Table 42 - Average Weekly Expenditure for Food in Summer - $4.74

Table 43 - Average Weekly Expenditure for Feul in Winter $2.66

Table 44- Average Weekly Expenditure for Insurance - $1.12

Table 45 - Average Weekly Expenditure for Lodges - $0.52

Table 46 - Average Weekly Expenditure for Recreation in Winter - $1.19

Table 47 - Average Weekly Expenditure for other Winter Items - $1.66

861-4-96

Summary of Averages

Table 48 - Average Total Weekly Expenditure for all Items - $11.12

Table 49 - Average Weekly Expenditure for Food in Summer.
Refer to table 42.

Table 50 - Average Weekly Expenditure for Feul in Summer - $1.55

Table 51 - Average Weekly Expenditure for Recreation in Summer - $1.17

Table 52 - Average Total Sum of Weekly Expenditure, Summer - $8.17

Table 53 - Average Amount Spent for Yearly Clothing - $87.20

Table 54 - Average Total Health Expense - $14.78

Table 55 - Average Yearly Amount Spent for Transportation - $29.87

Table 56 - Average Yearly Amount Spent for Church and Club Dues - $16.48

Table 58 - Average Yearly Amount Spent for Taxes - $39.50

Table 58A - Average Total Yearly Expenditure, not including Weekly Expenditure.
$173.97

Table 60 - Average Age of 2nd Member of Household - 34.07 yrs.

Table 61 - Average Age of 3rd Member of Household - 18.25 yrs.

Table 62 - Average Age of 4th Member of Household - 14.97 yrs.

Table 62A-Average Age of 5th Member of Household - 12.84 yrs.

Table 63 - Average Age of 6th Member of Household - 11.67 yrs.

Table 63A - Average Age of 7th Member of Household - 14.41 yrs.

Table 64 - Average Age of 8th Member of Household - 7.5 yrs.

Table 72 - Average Time on Present Job of Members of Household.
2 - 4.29 yrs.
3 - 3.36 yrs.
4 - 3.67 yrs.

Table 79 - Average Weekly Earnings of Members of Household.
2 - $7.16
3 - $7.45
4 - $7.49

Table 80 - Average Family Weekly Income by Size of Family.
1 - $10.94
2 - $23.87
3 - $23.48
4 - $13.63
5 - $22.38

Table 81 - Average Weekly Earnings of Head by Size of Family.
1 - $10.94
2 - $15.99
3 - $16.04
4 - $13.63
5 - $12.82
6 - $12.00
7 - $13.43
8 - $15.00

96-4-199

Summary of Averages

Table 83 - Average Weekly Expenditure for all Items by Education of Head.

Grades	Average Weekly Expenditure.
3-4	$10.20
5-6	10.86
7-8	10.44
9-10	10.47
11-12	10.07
1 yr. Coll.	11.50
2 yr. Coll.	7.78
3 yr. Coll.	11.04
4 yr. Coll.	12.70

Table 84 - Average Weekly Expenditure for all Items by Size of Family.

Size of Family	Average Weekly Expenditure.
1	$ 4.17
2	8.82
3	10.54
4	11.73
5	11.94
6	13.50
7	11.58
8	10.21
9	15.00

Table 86 - Average Number of Weeks Unemployed Past Year - Member of Household.

2	41.09 wks.
3	10.84 wks.

Table 88- Average Number of Rooms in House - Size of Family.

Size of Family	Average Number of Rooms.
1	4.03
2	5.02
3	5.14
4	4.85
5	4.72
6	5.05
7	4.76
8	6.75
9	5.00
13	4.00

Table 89 - Average Weekly Expenditure for Food by Size of Family.

Size of Family	Average Weekly Ex. for Food
1	$2.32
2	4.31
3	4.72
4	5.74
5	6.80
6	4.27
7	6.88
8	7.50
9	8.50
13	6.50

Table 90 - Average Rent Per Week by Size of Family.

Size of Family	Average Rent Pre Week
1	$1.50
2	2.95
3	2.92
4	2.57
5	2.82
6	3.01
7	2.77
13	2.50

46-4-200

Summary of Averages

Table 91 - Average Total Yearly Expenditure of Family. (Not Including Weekly Ex.)

Size of Family	Av. Total Yearly Expen.
1	$ 75.00
2	175.74
3	201.93
4	198.27
5	187.50
6	221.25
7	167.37
8	108.34
9	237.50
13	25.00

Table 92 - Average Members of Household Examined at Clinic - 2.22

Table 92 A - Average Members of Household Examined by Physician - 2.19

Table 92 C - Average Number Taking Clinic Treatment - 1.60

Table 93 - Average Deliverence of Babies.
Number of Babies Delivered by Physician - 2.29
Number of Babies Delivered by Mid-wife - 2.94

Table 95 - Average Number of Persons sick in last 12 Months - 1.59

Table 99 - Average School Grade Completed by Member of Household.

Number in Family	Grade Completed
2	10.11
3	11.95
4	8.65
5	8.50
6	7.20
7	7.65
8	7.90
9	4.25

Table 100 - Modal Occupation of Head by Education - Laborer.

46-4-201

SURVEY OF 18 NEGRO CHURCHES
TYLER, TEXAS - 1940

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership -	4,800
Average Regular Attendance -	131.62
Average Number of Male Members -	76.11
Average Number of Female Members -	105.55
Average Attendance at Morning Service -	94.17
Average Attendance at Evening Service -	65.89
Average Attendance at Sunday School -	56.21

PERCENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING SERVICES

Sunday School -	58.63
Morning Service -	46.81
Evening Service -	30.00
Young Peoples Organizations -	74.09
Prayer Service -	25.00

ATTENDANCE

Average Attendance at Young Peoples Organizations- 31.36

Average Seating capacity of Church - 351.47

Actual or Approximate membership in: 1930 - 137.50
1935 - 231.73
1939 - 229.12
1940 - 170.83

Average Number of Members added to your churches since 1935 by confession or confirmation;

Confession --- 55.91
Confirmation - 57.50
Letter - - - - 28.00

Number of preaching services per month - 4.78

CHURCH PROPERTY

Average Value of Land -	$1022.22
Average Value of Church Edifice -	2376.39
Average Value of Parsonage -	1000.00

46-4-202

CHURCH SURVEY

Average rate of payments per year -$206.25

Total Value of Church Property - 64,175.00

Average Value of Church Property - 3,565.28

RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS

CHURCH FINANCES

Average Weekly Collections:

Sunday School	-$2.62
Morning Services	6.75
Young People's Services	1.28
Evening Services	5.61
Clubs and Organizations	5.33
Other Sources	4.50

Yearly Average Income raised by special drives, rallies and etc. $248.33

Average Total Weekly Income from all sources $18.33

Average Yearly In come - $963.88

Average Monthly Salary Promised Minister- $72.69

Average Monthly Salary Paid Minister- $63.60

Average Indebtedness of church - $1850.00

Average Monthly Payments - 26.25

Average Quarterly Expenditure for Sunday School Literature - $6.03

Average Monthly Expenditure for Utilities:

Feul -	$2.51
Light	2.47
Telephone	3.12
Light	2.47
Water	2.03

Average Monthly Expenditure for Missions - $6.37

Average Monthly Expenditure for Church Clerks $3.75

Average Monthly Expenditure for Organist - $4.50

All other Monthly Expenditures - 3.39

Average Yearly Amount paid to General Church $137.08

Average Yearly Amounts spent for Revivals etc. $30.41

Average all other yearly expenditures -$100.00

Average Total Yearly Expenditures - $528.12
(Not including Ministers salary)

46-4-203

CHURCH SURVEY

CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH

Frame	15
Brick	3

CONDITION OF THE CHURCH

Good	7
Need Minor Repairs	7
Need Major Repairs	3
Unfit for use	1

EQUIPMENT OF CHURCH

Running Water	6
Kitchen	1
Dining Room	1
Study	12
Piano	16
Organ	2
Library	4
Place and Equipment for Recreation	3
Separate place for non worship service gathering	3
Flush toilet	6
Pit toilet	12
Gas	7
Electric Lights	18

THE MINISTER

Average Age	44.44
Average Number of Children	4.27
Tenure at Present Charge	3.81 yrs.

46-4-204

46-4-205

CHURCH SURVEY

MEMBERSHIP ACCORDING TO DENOMINATION

Denomination	No. Churches	Membership		Active Membership	
		Total	Average	Number	Percent
Baptist	8	3364	421	1570	46.67
Holiness	4	453	113	225	56.29
Methodist	3	764	225	430	56.28
Catholic	1	70	70	30	42.86
Episcopal	1	107	107	45	42.06
Seven Day Adventist	1	42	42	38	90.48
Total	18	4800	1008	2368	49.33

Statistical Analysis of the Gray-Votaw General

Achievement Tests - Negro Schools * Smith

County
Texas

Key to the Tests

1. Elementary Science
2. Choice of Words
3. Literature
4. Dictation
5. Reading; Vocabulary
6. Reading: Comprehension
7. Social Studies
8. Physical Education
9. Arithmetic Reasoning
10. Arithmetic Computation

30-86-7

Table I

Grade Distribution by Sex
Smith County

Grade	Boys		Girls		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
8	46	30.46	99	38.08	145	35.28
6	43	28.48	70	26.93	113	27.49
5	62	41.06	91	35.00	153	37.23
Total	151	100.00	260	100.00	411	100.00
Means	5.89		6.03		5.98	

Table II - Sex Distribution - Smith County

Sex	Number	Percent
Boys	151	36.74
Girls	260	63.26
Total	411	100.00

Table III
Age Distribution by Sex
Smith County

Age	Boys		Girls		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
9	1	0.66	4	1.54	5	1.22
10	4	2.65	8	3.08	12	2.92
11	19	12.58	26	10.00	45	10.95
12	23	15.23	45	17.31	68	16.55
13	36	23.84	52	20.00	88	21.41
14	36	23.84	61	33.48	97	23.60
15	16	10.60	41	15.77	57	13.87
16	12	7.95	16	6.15	28	6.81
17	3	1.99	4	1.54	7	1.70
18	1	0.66	3	1.15	4	0.97
Totals	151	100.00	260	100.00	411	100.00
Means	13.29		13.33		13.31	
S. D.'s	1.63		1.67		1.69	

30-8-6-b

In Grades 5-7; Tests Ranked in the Following Order

1. 43.6 - Dictation
2. 39.5 - Arithmetic Computation
3. 35.1 - Arithmetic Reasoning
4. 33.8 - Elementary Science
5. 32.8 - Physical Education
6. 32.3 - Reading: Vocabulary
7. 32.3 - Social Studies
8. 25.7 - Literature
9. 24.8 - Choice of Words
10. 22.8 - Reading: Comprehension

30-86-10

30-86-9

Table IX - Comparison of Means and Standard Deviations of Total Average Scores Smith County Negro Schools and Gray-Votaw Norms

Test		Grades							
		Gray Votaw	Smith County	Gray Votaw	Smith County	Gray Votaw	Smith County	Gray Votaw	Smith County
		4-8	5-7	5	5	6	6	7	7
Total Average	M	51.2	31.9	44.8	27.4	53.2	32.5	58.9	35.9
	S.D.	13.9	9.9	9.1	8.6	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.1
1	M	51.6	33.8	45.1	28.6	54.3	35.2	59.6	36.6
	S.D.	16.7	16.3	14.3	16.1	12.5	14.6	12.9	15.8
2	M	15.0	24.8	45.0	19.5	53.1	24.0	59.0	30.9
	S.D.	18.9	18.7	16.1	18.0	16.0	13.6	15.6	20.8
3	M	51.2	25.7	44.5	24.2	53.2	26.7	57.9	25.1
	S.D.	20.5	16.0	16.4	14.2	18.6	17.2	19.3	14.5
4	M	50.9	43.6	44.0	30.4	51.9	40.2	60.1	60.0
	S.D.	13.6	26.8	9.4	20.4	9.2	27.1	9.1	21.0
5	M	51.2	32.4	45.7	28.9	54.7	33.4	58.2	35.8
	S.D.	17.9	14.7	13.5	13.7	13.7	14.6	15.0	14.7
6	M	51.2	22.8	44.0	20.3	53.4	23.0	58.3	25.5
	S.D.	17.5	12.1	14.5	10.2	14.6	12.6	13.8	12.4
7	M	51.1	32.3	45.6	30.1	52.7	33.2	59.1	33.4
	S.D.	15.5	10.5	10.7	9.8	11.8	10.4	12.4	9.7
8	M	51.5	32.8	44.8	29.7	53.7	31.7	58.0	36.8
	S.D.	15.8	15.3	11.5	13.6	11.9	14.7	11.8	16.6
9	M	50.9	35.1	43.6	31.6	51.4	37.2	60.3	37.9
	S.D.	17.0	12.9	10.6	11.0	13.0	12.4	16.0	13.2
10	M	50.9	39.5	45.7	36.7	53.6	42.2	58.5	40.0
	S.D.	13.9	11.4	7.7	9.6	9.5	12.6	11.4	10.9
Number Pupils		3128	411	732	153	560	113	486	145

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

J.C. and I would be pleased to have you come to dinner with "The Breakfast Group" Sunday, March 30th at 5:30 P.M.

Shall we expect you?

Sincerely,

Nell M. Thomas

212 Griffin St. N.W.

Atlanta, Ga.

3/24/41

8-22-66

[NELL THOMAS]

26 March 1941

18-22-67

My dear Mrs. Thomas:

I shall be glad to dine with you Sunday, March thirtieth, at 5:30 p. m.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Jesse O. Thomas
212 Griffin Northwest
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UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
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Austin, Texas
February 24, 1941

391-44-81

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I am sending you the name of William H. Jones, Dean of the college, who is an expert on social conditions of the Negro. Mr. Jones has completed his residence for his doctor's degree at the University of Chicago. We shall be very glad to have him cooperate with you in the study which you are planning.

Very sincerely yours,
Mary E. Branch
(Miss) Mary E. Branch
President

MEB:J

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

March 20, 1941

18-41-23

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I am happy to accept your invitation to join your group that will work on a program for stabilizing the economic security of the Negro. Tillotson College has agreed to pay for my travel to and from Atlanta.

I am very much interested in the economic future of the Negro and have conducted research into the problems of his unemployment and family income in the Southwest. These studies were based on a fairly adequate sample of about 2,500 families scattered throughout the states of Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma. I shall endeavor to have this data in chart and tabular form, so that it can be placed on display. These studies are interesting in that they show the variations in economic status of the Negro families during the past twenty-five years.

I am pleased to state that I see eye-to-eye with you on the question of how to solve the economic problems of the Negro in the future. I have followed your views closely and feel that you have a sound and sensible plan for rescuing the American Negro from economic chaos.

About six years ago I wrote an article on "The Economic Future of the American Negro," but became fearful that it was too radical and pessimistic to submit for publication. However, since I have come in contact with your recent views and those of other writers on the subject, I have reread it and believe it is a safe prediction. I am sending you herein a copy of it, and if you have a word of criticism or suggestion to offer, I shall be grateful to receive it.

Promising you that I shall be there in April, I am

Very truly yours,

William H. Jones

William H. Jones, Dean

42-11-81

4 April 1941

My dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 20. We will be very glad indeed to have the data about families in Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma in chart and tabular form. We are going to have a number of other charts of that sort. Also thank you for your article on the ECONOMIC FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. William H. Jones
Tillotson College
Austin, Texas

24 November 1941

18-23

My dear Sir:

Your letter of November 18 addressed to Dr. Du Bois, care of the Amsterdam News arrived this morning. It will be brought to his attention when he returns from an interoultural conference now meeting in Cuba.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. Edward Tolan
319 Garfield Building
4612 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

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February 28, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

18-44-183

On my return to the campus after a six weeks' absence I find your letter of February 18. I shall be very glad to co-operate with you in every way possible in your plans for the conference you have in mind.

I would suggest two names of people who might effectively represent Tougaloo at the conference. The first is Mr. Lionel B. Fraser, our College Dean, and the second is Mr. Homer T. Larsen, head of our Department of Sociology and Economics. Both have been here a number of years and are well acquainted with conditions in Mississippi relating to the social and economic conditions of the Negro. The latter is a white man and I think, all things considered, I would suggest Dean Fraser as first choice and if for any reason he cannot attend Mr. Larsen as second choice.

Do I understand that the traveling expenses of these members to the conference will be taken care of by the appropriation from the Carnegie Foundation? The college is limited in its ability to contribute such expenses aside from a certain number of departmental conferences to which we are committed.

Very sincerely yours,

Judson L. Cross

Judson L. Cross, President

JLC:D

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March 10, 1941

002-14-81

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Box 356
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have your letter of March 5 regarding the conference at Atlanta University. I regret to say that we have no funds available the rest of this year for paying expenses to such a conference, much as we would like to participate. I am attending a Library Conference at Atlanta on April 14 and 15, but owing to a long absence from the college during January and February I must return immediately to the campus. Otherwise I might be able to stay over for the 17th and 18th.

With every good wish for a highly successful and well-attended conference.

Very sincerely yours,

Judson L. Cross

Judson L. Cross, President

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FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

March 18, 1941

87-11-81

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I regret very much the delay in answering your letter of March 6 but I have been away from my desk for quite some time.

I have had an opportunity to do work of the following nature concerning the economic status of the Negro:

(1) As a thesis for the M.B.A. Degree at the University of Pennsylvania I did a study of the historical development of Negro life insurance to 1930. This was privately published and I believe that you have seen a copy of this.

(2) I was a Regional Director for the Survey of White-Collar and Skilled Negro Workers in the United States in 1936, and also I assisted in a small way in the drafting of Volume II which was done by Dr. Robert C. Weaver. Since then from time to time I have worked up certain tables relating to training, earnings and occupational shifting of Negro white-collar workers in seven or eight important cities. It was expected that this would be published upon completion but lack of funds and pressure of other work have delayed this.

I hope that this is the type of thing you had in mind and I feel certain that I will be able to be present at the Twenty-fifth Atlanta University Conference on the Economic Condition and Social Trends of the American Negro.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Trent, jr.

W. J. Trent, jr.,
Racial Relations Officer

bE-14-81

4 April 1941

My dear Mr. Trent:

We will be very glad indeed to have you attend the conference here April 17, 18 and 19. We have a copy of your thesis on Negro life insurance. Could you bring the manuscript of your further study of Negro white-collar and skilled workers? This, of course, would be for information only and not for publication.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. J. Trent, Jr.
Federal Works Agency
Washington

11 April 1941

18-27-83

My dear Mr. Trent:

Enclosed is a tentative program of our Institute. I hope you will make every effort to be here at the time indicated and give us as good a general statement as you can. We will deeply appreciate it.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. J. Trent, Jr.
Federal Works Agency
Washington, D. C.

[Tuskegee Institute]

Phylon Institute

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
January 11, 1941

18-27-99

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

A letter from my sister indicates that she met you at Dr. Alexander's home during the holidays and that you expressed interest in having cooperatives established in Atlanta. I don't know anything that would make me more happy than to have the privilege of working with you towards that end.

We opened a cooperative grocery and market in this community on January first, and it seems to be going nicely.

With all kind wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Shields

WAS:JJJ

[Tuskegee Institute]

6 February 1941

19-27-81

My dear Mr. Shields:

I am very glad to know of your work at Tuskegee on cooperation and talked with Mr. Patterson about it recently in Texas. I want you to plan to come to the conference which we are going to hold here April 10, 11 and 12. I shall write you more in detail about it.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. A. Shields
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

[Tuskegee Institute]

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
February 7, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-29-22

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I want to thank you for your letter and to assure you that every effort will be made to attend your meeting April 10, 11 and 12.

Mr. Charles G. Gomillion, who teaches sociology here, has requested that a copy of our annual Credit Union Report be sent to you.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Shields

WAS:JJJ

[Tuskegee]

Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
February 10, 1941

Lectures 1940

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-44-83

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am writing concerning the telephone conversation which Dr. J. Max Bond, Director, School of Education, had with you this morning regarding your appearing as one of the participants in our lecture series. We are eager to have you open the series on Monday evening, February 17, at seven-thirty o'clock with a lecture on some phase of cooperatives as a means of improving the socio-economic status of Negroes. We shall appreciate your letting us know the specific subject of the lecture at your earliest convenience.

In addition to the lecture we should like very much for you, some time during the day, to talk informally with students enrolled in one of our social science courses. There are classes meeting 10:00, 11:00, and 1:00 o'clock.

While we recognize the great value of the lecture which we are requesting you to deliver, we hope that you will make the honorarium requested as low as possible, as this lecture is being sponsored by the student cooperative whose financial resources at the present time are very limited.

We are very grateful to you for having accepted our invitation to open our lecture series.

Very truly yours,

Chas. G. Gomillion

Chas. G. Gomillion

Lectures

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
February 11, 1941

19-44-81

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

In addition to the Credit Union at Tuskegee Institute, there is a cooperative grocery store in the community, and there are five baby co-ops in the elementary schools. The group which it is hoped will form a cooperative next is our own student body on the campus of Tuskegee Institute.

As a part of an effort to encourage the organization of a campus co-op, you have been asked to speak to our student body. I am sure you will understand how empty the treasury of a prospective campus co-op is and because of your interest in cooperatives it is hoped that you will be willing to help by reducing your fee just as much as you possibly can.

Official correspondence relative to your appearance here has come and will come from Mr. Gomillion, but, because of my own connection with the co-op I am sending this appeal to you. It will be good to see you again.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Shields

WAS:JJJ

12 February 1941

48-44-81

My dear Mr. Gomillion:

I shall be glad to speak for you Monday evening, February seventeenth, and to also address one of your social science classes. My charge would be fifty dollars.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles G. Gomillion
Box 31
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

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Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
February 14, 1941

18-44-81

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I wish to thank you for having consented to speak to one of our classes in social science. Since you did not indicate any preference, I am suggesting that you meet and talk with the students in the class which meets at ten o'clock.

In view of the fact that you did not name the specific topic which you would discuss on Monday evening, we are announcing that it will be THE ROLE OF COPERATIVES IN NEGRO LIFE.

Very truly yours,

Chas. G. Gomillion

Chas. G. Gomillion

[FEB. 17, 1941]

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE FOUNDATION

School of Education

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

18-44

The Lewis Adams Lecture Series

February 17, 1941
7:30 P. M.

Program

Music ---------- Audience

The Occasion ---------- Mr. Chas. G. Gomillion

Introduction of Speaker ---------- Dr. F. D. Patterson

Lecture ---------- Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

Song: God Bless America ---------- Audience

Lectures 1941

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

February 18, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-27-35

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I am pleased to recommend for your consideration in connection with the proposed FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE and TWENTY-FIFTH ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CONFERECE the names of Messrs. Ralph N. Davis, Charles G. Gomillion, W. A. Shields and J. Max Bond. I hope it will also be possible for me to attend.

Thanking you for so kindly advising regarding this meeting, I am

Very truly yours,

F. D. Patterson

President

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20 February 1941

My dear Mr. Patterson:

I want to thank you very much for the pleasant visit which I had at Tuskegee and for your hospitality. I am impressed by the new lines on which you are branching out.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-42-1

President F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
J. MAX BOND, DIRECTOR

February 26, 1941

29-44-82

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

On behalf of the Community Service Foundation, I want to thank you for the good contribution that you made during your visit to Tuskegee.

As to any other matter that you might be considering which has for its purpose the development of a minority technique for Negroes, you may rest assured that I shall be interested in whatever you may do.

Very truly yours,

J. Max Bond

J. Max Bond, Director
School of Education

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Community Service Foundation
School of Education
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
February 26, 1941

Lectures

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

In behalf of the School of Education and of the Community Service Foundation I wish to thank you for the service which you rendered recently in meeting with a group of students and faculty members and discussing the topic Race Relations, and in opening our Lewis Adams Lecture Series with a discussion of The Role of Cooperatives in Negro Life. Students and teachers have been discussing both of the lectures. The people in the community surrounding the Institute are requesting us to secure the services of other persons whose messages will be stimulating.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chas. G. Gomillion

Chas. G. Gomillion

89-44-81

Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

March 10, 1941

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

18-27-36

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Thank you for your letter of March 5, I shall make every effort to be present and to have at least one member of our staff with me for the FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE and TWENTY-FIFTH ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE.

Sincerely yours,

F. D. Patterson

F. D. Patterson
President

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[Tuskegee Institute]

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
March 20, 1941

18-27-68

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Thanks for your letter announcing the conference to be held at Atlanta University April 17-19.

Summaries of economic studies which have been done here are being prepared.

Mr. Davis, Mr. Gomillion and I plan to attend the conference.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Shields

WAS:JJJ

Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
March 25, 1941

18-41-53

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Your letter of March 8 announcing the time and place of meeting of the First Phylon Institute and Twenty-Fifth Atlanta University Conference on The Economic Condition And Social Trends of the American Negro came during my absence from the Institute. I wish to thank you for the invitation to participate in the conference, and hope that it will be possible for me to attend the sessions.

Although I am acquainted with the socio-economic status of the Negro in Alabama and with studies on the economic condition of the American Negro, I am by no means an "expert". While I have no published studies to my credit, I have worked during the last several years as research assistant or supervisor of field work on several studies, among which have been the following:

1. The Survey of the Higher Education of Negroes (A study being conducted by the U. S. Office of Education)

2. Social Status and Farm Tenure - Attitudes and Social Conditions of Corn Belt and Cotton Belt Farmers, by E. A. Schuler (A study published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1938)

3. The Urban Negro Worker in the United States, 1925-1936, Vol. I by Ira De A. Reid; Vol. II by Robert C. Weaver (A study sponsored by the U. S. Department of the Interior)

4. Trends and Tendencies in the Occupations of Negroes (An unpublished study of the occupational participation and opportunities of Negroes in 33 cities in 7 southeastern states, based on data gathered by the Department of Records and Research, Tuskegee Institute, during 1935-37)

At the present time I am at work on collecting and analyzing data on four communities in Macon County, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,
Chas. G. Gomillion
Chas. G. Gomillion

Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF
RECORDS AND RESEARCH

March 27, 1941

18-41-73

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Editor-in-Chief
PHYLON, The Atlanta University Review
of Race and Culture
Box 356
Atlanta University
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

In reply to your letter of March 8, I am writing to state that I shall be pleased to be present and participate in the discussions in connection with the FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE AND TWENTY-FIFTH ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE ON THE ECONOMIC CONDITION AND SOCIAL TRENDS OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO, APRIL 17, 18, and 19, 1941.

Attached herewith you will find a statement concerning the studies which have been carried on at Tuskegee Institute.

Very truly yours,

Ralph N. Davis

RALPH N. DAVIS

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Enclosure

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STUDIES RELATING TO THE NEGRO IN ALABAMA CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF RECORDS AND RESEARCH, TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

1. "Survey in Alabama of the Effect of the Operation of the N. R. A. Code on Negro Labor, 1933." By Ralph N. Davis. (Unpublished Manuscript.) This study deals with the effect of a governmental agency in connection with the social and economic conditions of the Negro group. When the study was undertaken, the objective was:

   a. To find out how a regulative agency and some attempts for standardization of wages would affect the Negro group.

2. "A Study of Vocational Education and Negro Labor." By Ralph N. Davis. This study is being planned in connection with the present day trends of vocational education at Tuskegee Institute. At the present time, the plan embodies the following phases:

   a. The study of the vocational choice of students

   b. The training of the student at Tuskegee Institute

   c. The work of the student as an interne or trainee; that is, actual work in industry or agriculture during period of registration as a student.

   d. The positions that graduates or former students secure after leaving Tuskegee Institute.

   e. The relationship between the work of graduates or former students and their training at Tuskegee Institute.

   This study, as indicated above, is in a formulative stage and it is the plan to test the methodology and value of the study by confining the initial stages of the study to the State of Alabama.

3. "Trends and Tendencies in the Occupations of Negroes." This is an unpublished study of the occupational participation and opportunities of Negroes in thirty-three cities in seven southeastern states. The investigation was conducted by the Department of Records and Research, Tuskegee Institute, during 1935-1937. Birmingham, Alabama, was one of the thirty-three cities.

4. "A Social Survey of the Prairie Farms Resettlement Community: 1938-1939." This is a study of the socio-economic conditions of thirty-four families during their first year's residence on a Farm Security Administration project. It is planned to make another survey in 1944 in order to discover what changes occurred during the five-year period. This study was undertaken jointly by the School of Education and the Department of Records and Research, Tuskegee Institute.

[47-14-81]

[Tuskegee Institute]

Hampton Institute

28 March 1941

18-27-69

My dear Mr. Shields:

I want to get an authentic list of all the cooperative efforts among American Negroes now being carried on. How shall I go about it? What is the name and address of the Southeastern organization or is it the Southern States Cooperative Conference? Does their jurisdiction include Hampton and vicinity?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. A. Shields
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

[Tuskegee Institute]

Tuskegee Institute
Alabama
March 29, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

12-22-81

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I have been trying to secure an authentic list of all the cooperative efforts among American Negroes for about two years, and have learned that there is no source from which such a list may be secured.

For your information, I am listing the names and addresses of the two places to which application might be made. I have written both of these places; they do not have the list you want.

Mr. Wallace Campbell, Assistant Secretary
The Cooperative League
167 West 12th Street
New York City

Mr. Edward Yeomans, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer
Southeastern Cooperative Education Association
Carrollton, Georgia

A number of requests for information on cooperatives have been already sent out. If any of these requests are answered, I will be glad to send the names and addresses to you as rapidly as they are received.

Sorry not to be able to be of any help.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Shields.

18-41-75

4 April 1941

My dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for the list of studies which you have made at Tuskegee. I am wondering if you could send us or bring with you the study of occupational participation and opportunities of Negroes in 33 cities in 7 Southeastern states. We would be glad to prepare charts to illustrate this study. Also we should like to see your survey of the Prairie farms resettlement community.

The studies thus brought to us will, of course, remain the property of the writer and we plan no use or publication of them but would like to use them in the discussions of the conference.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Ralph N. Davis
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

10 April 1941

18-27-37

My dear President Patterson:

I am enclosing a tentative program. I hope you will be sure to come. At the meeting Friday night I very much want the leading representatives of the land-grant colleges and institutions like Tuskegee to be represented and I would be very glad if you would make a short speech of perhaps twenty or twenty-five minutes.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

R. B. Atwood

John M. Gandy

Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
April 13, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-44-223

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Thank you for the copy of the "Tentative Program" of the Phylon Institute which I have just received. It is my plan to attend the meeting, and I shall endeavor to participate as indicated on the program.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. G. Gomillion

Chas. G. Gomillion

Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF
RECORDS AND RESEARCH

April 14, 1941

18-44-211

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Editor-in-Chief
PHYLON, The Atlanta University
Review of Race and Culture
Box 356
Atlanta University
ATIANTA, GEORGIA

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am writing to acknowledge with thanks the program enclosed in your note of April 11 and to state that I shall be present on April 17, 18, and 19 at the PHYLON INSTITUTE, Atlanta University.

Very truly yours,

Ralph N. Davis

RALPH N. DAVIS

RND:mar

Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

April 14, 1941

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

18-44-229

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Dr. Patterson has an engagement in Washington on the 17th and Richmond on the 18th which will prevent his attendance at the Phylon Institute.

Very truly yours,

L. J. Harris

Secretary to the President

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Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF
RECORDS AND RESEARCH

April 15, 1941

06-14-81

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Editor-in-Chief
PHYLON, The Atlanta University
Review of Race and Culture
Box 356
Atlanta University
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

In compliance with the request in your letter of April 4, I am herewith submitting the study of occupational participation and opportunities of Negroes in 33 cities in 7 southeastern states. Along with the narrative of this study we are sending sixteen charts.

The study of the Prairie Farms Resettlement Community will be brought to the meeting.

Very truly yours,

Ralph N. Davis

RALPH N. DAVIS

RND:mar
Enclosures

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
April 15, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-27-81

My dear Dr. DuBois:

This is to thank you for your letter and a copy of the program; also to assure you that I will be able to attend the conference. Would you be good enough to have your secretary call Mrs. Henry so that rooms in the Atlanta University Dormitory will be reserved for Mr. Davis, Mr. Gomillion and me.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Shields

WAS:JJJ

3 November 1941

18-34-42

My dear President Patterson:

I am making an appeal to the Filene Good Will Fund for aid in pushing consumer's cooperation among Negroes. To illustrate the basis of my appeal, I am enclosing (1) a letter written to the executive director March 18, 1941 and (2) a letter which I wrote October 29, 1941. I am also enclosing the reply received from him October 31, 1941.

I write to ask if under these circumstances you could see any way in which the three institutions: Tuskegee, Hampton and Atlanta, can unite in work to push consumer's cooperation among Negroes. I believe myself that it is distinctly a way out for the American Negro in the severe crisis which he is going to face after this war. The Filene Fund and other cooperative organizations have done very little to encourage Negro participation. I think most of them have assumed that the general appeals which they are making and the general help which they are giving are going to reach the Negro. This, I think, is a mistake. I write, therefore, to ask you if you would be willing to cooperate in a movement to secure funds from the Filene Fund in an effort to work out method by which these three institutions can work together and expend it for the purpose in view. Of course, the detailed disposition of funds received could be worked out in any way satisfactory to the three institutions.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Frederick D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

November 5, 1941

18-24-30

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Tuskegee Institute is happy to endorse the application made to the Filene Good Will Fund for an appropriation to underwrite a cooperative effort with Atlanta University in a program of research and study relative to consumer's cooperation among Negroes. We are seriously concerned about the precarious financial status of Negro Americans at the present time as well as about the uncertain future which from all indications will find us less able than now to cope with pressing economic problems. We feel, as you do, that consumer education is a vulnerable point of attack and that our institutions may hope to get some real results from a program such as you have outlined.

Very truly yours,

F. D. Patterson

President

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THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND
330 WEST FORTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

ELIZABETH MANN
Chief, Publishing Division

18-33-122

February 3, 1941

A SHARE IN THEIR SHAPING

The future of America depends to a large degree upon whether we can master our confused and complicated economic problems.

No one mind can find the way out, design the blueprint for the future. It will take research, creative thought, cooperation.

The teacher in this field has an unusual opportunity, both for study and for guiding and inspiring other minds. It is because you are in this strategic position that we are sending you this special invitation.

We want you to have the help of any of our research publications with their presentations of facts and their suggestions of policy, which lie in the field of your interest. We want to make certain that you know about them, and we wish to make them available to you, or to your departmental library, at as low cost as possible.

A special Standing Order plan has been devised to accomplish this purpose. It costs nothing--except for books you wish to keep. It saves you time and money. And we hope that as the plans of the future unfold, your share in their shaping may have been enlarged through this suggestion.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Mann

EM:S

Publishing Division

Twentieth Century Fund

13 February 1941

18-33-123

Gentlemen:

I have long been interested in the promotion of consumers cooperation especially among American Negroes and I understand that your organization is interested in promoting such cooperation.

I believe that the economic future of the American Negro has reached a critical stage. In the expanding industry of the South the Negro has found no adequate entrance as a worker and in the declining state of agriculture he is one of the most unfortunate of the victims. I think it, therefore, necessary particularly today when we must forecast the disarrangement of industry after the present war to begin a serious study and planning for the economic future of the Negro in America; and that this is necessary not simply for him but in order to avoid the catastrophe of having a tenth of our population retrograde and the poverty with its resultant disease and crime.

I began urging the attention of Negroes to consumers cooperation as a method of beginning to solve their economic problems in August, 1917. On August 26, 27, I called a conference in the office of the CRISIS, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Twelve representatives came from seven states and adopted a tentative program. Out of this came the establishment of several local efforts of cooperation of which the most important was a cooperative store at the colored Bluefield Institute, West Virginia and the Roddy cooperative grocery stores in Memphis. The West Virginia experiment was very successful and lasted for about ten years. It was especially commended by officials of the Harvard business school but the state administration finally ruled that the store was in competition with private business and could not be allowed to continue in a state school. The Roddy stores were very successful for a period but soon failed when they were changed from a cooperative to a stock investing enterprise. Since that time I have written considerable in Negro papers about a more carefully planned start in cooperation preceded by a careful survey on economic conditions among Negroes. One rather elaborate plan of this sort was worked out here at Atlanta University in 1933 but funds for its support were not obtained.

Last year I obtained a small grant of a thousand dollars from the Carnegie Foundation to finance a meeting here which would take up the general question of the economic condition of the Negro, the present trends and the possibility of future planning. This is to be called THE FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE being named after the quarterly review of race and culture which Atlanta University is publishing and of which I am editor-in-chief. It is also to be called the TWENTY-FIFTH ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE thus linking it to the well-known studies of the Negro problem held at Atlanta University between 1897 and 1914. These conferences made twenty publications on conditions among Negroes which were widely circulated and read.

I want the present meeting which will take place April 17, 18 and 19 of this year to consist of some twenty-five experts chiefly from the colored land grant colleges of the South and I want to present to them carefully prepared statistics, charts and statements covering the economic condition of the Negro. I have been promised a second appropriation of a thousand dollars for a similar conference next year in which we could use the returns of the Census of 1940 and face more carefully the problem of future economic planning. In this planning I want the matter of consumers cooperation among Negroes to take a prominent part. At present there are in the United States perhaps a half dozen local efforts: one in Chicago, one in Gary, Indiana, one in Philadelphia, and one just started at Tuskegee. With the new federal housing experiments further local efforts may be expected but they need careful guidance and long term planning.

I am writing to ask if your Foundation would be interested in helping this enterprise in any lines and could perhaps arrange to give such help beginning with the third year of these meetings in 1943. Meantime I suggest that you might send an observor to the meeting this year to attend the session and to confer with me and other persons, in this way making up his mind as to the advisability and feasibility of help to this enterprise. Personally, I think it is the most important movement for the future uplift of the Negro race in America and consequently for the social security of America that could possibly be undertaken.

May I hear from you at your convenience?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois
Head, Department of Sociology
Editor-in-Chief of PHYLON
(see WHO'S WhO IN AMERICA)

The Twentieth Century Fund
330 West Forty-Second Street
New York City

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND
330 WEST FORTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

J. FREDERIC DEWHURST
Economist

February 19, 1941

18-33-124

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Head
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Box 356
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

I have read your letter of February 13th with great interest and the program you are planning impresses me as being a most valuable one.

Unfortunately, however, the Fund no longer makes grants to outside organizations. Several years ago the Trustees adopted the fixed program of confining their activities to the direct conduct of research in the field of economic problems.

I am sorry that we can't extend any financial assistance for this worthy project.

Cordially yours,

J. Frederic Dewhurst

JFD:cer

18-33-125

24 February 1941

My dear Mr. Dewhurst:

Answering your letter of February 29, would it not be possible for the Twentieth Century Fund to make an investigation into the economic plight of the Negro in cooperation with our proposed institute and with the idea of exploring the possibility of a distinct movement toward consumers cooperation among Negroes? Such a movement is already under way not only in the North but in the Southeast and Southwest and what it needs is encouragement and a backing of such broad economic knowledge as ordinary and general studies do not furnish.

I still think that an observor from your staff in attendance upon our conference would easily see ways in which you could assist this movement.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. J. Frederic Dewhurst
Twentieth Century Fund
330 West Forty-Second Street
New York City

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND
330 WEST FORTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

J. FREDERIC DEWHURST
Economist

March 5, 1941

18-33-126

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Editor-in-Chief
Phylon
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

Thank you for your letter of February 24th urging that we have some member of our staff attend your forthcoming meeting. We are so hard-pressed now with other engagements that I doubt if it will be possible. Also, as I told you in my earlier letter, the Fund operates now as an economic research institution and does not make grants of funds for purposes such as the one you have in mind.

Perhaps you might find it worth while to address a letter to Percy S. Brown, Executive Director of the Good Will Fund, Inc., 31 Milk Street, Boston, Massachusetts. I understand this organization has shown considerable interest in the cooperative movement.

Cordially yours,

J. Frederic Dewhurst

J. Frederic Dewhurst

JFD:cer

Phylon - Request to read manuscript

55 Warwick Street
Boston, Massachusetts
August 30, 1941

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. DuBois:

1-31-6

In connection with my graduate studies at Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, I have become interested in the philosophy of literature from the point of view of the Negro. My first effort has been a small research job which I have chosen to call "Spiritual Values in Negro Poetry."

In this task I have attempted to interpret the spiritual aspects of Negro life which have aided him in rising above the limitations of American life.

I have no disposition to evaluate my efforts. While inquiring concerning the possibilities of the work, I was informed that you were the most likely person to evaluate it for me. I would like to submit it to you for appraisal and possibilities of its acceptance for publication. Kindly inform me whether it is advisable to submit the work to you.

Yours truly,

James D. Tyms

Rev. James D. Tyms

JDT:BAT

25 September 1941

18-31-7

My dear Sir:

Frankly I am a little repelled at the title of your paper. I can conceive of an article on values in Negro poetry but spiritual values sound to me a bit theological. Nevertheless, if you wish to send your paper with return postage, I shall be glad to read it with a view to publication in PHYLON.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Reverend James D. Tyms
55 Warwick Street
Boston, Massachusetts

[U.S.-CUBAN AMBASSADOR

Dr. William E. B. Du Bois

Cuban Ambassador
Mr Aurelio
Congress
Cabrera

18-39-14

The Ambassador
of the United States of America
requests the honor of your company
at a buffet supper
on Tuesday evening, November 25
at 8:30 o'clock
in the Embassy residence

American Embassy
Spanish Premises

Black Tie

Please telephone reply before noon,
November 25, to the American Embassy,
M-6987

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 3, 1941.

REGISTERED MAIL

Professor W. E. B. Du Bois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Professor Du Bois:

49-44-81

I have been notified that you have accepted the invitation to participate in the Schools for agricultural workers at Prairie View, Texas, to be held January 23 to 25. The travel incident thereto will be performed under Letter of Authorization No. 1254.

A book of Government transportation requests is enclosed for your use in purchasing transportation. They are valid for the first class fare and Pullman accommodations. Complete instructions for their use may be found in the booklet; however I perhaps should caution you to purchase reduced-rate, round trip tickets whenever possible. In using these requests please sign your name as written on the Letter of Authorization, W. E. B. Du Bois, and for your title use Principal Social Scientist.

In addition to your transportation you will receive $15.55 per day honorarium, $5.00 per day subsistence allowance and taxi fares to and from stations.

If, after the completion of your trip, you will send me a complete statement of your travel schedule, showing the exact time of arrival and departure from each official stop, and an itemized statement of the taxi fares incurred, I shall be glad to prepare your expense account in this office and forward it to you for your signature and notarization. At the same time please return the unused transportation requests together with the duplicate copies of the used ones.

Very truly yours,

Edith M. Friday

Edith M. Friday,
Division of Program Study and Discussion.

Enclosures.
Book No. B-118278A

P.S. If you intend to make the trip by automobile, kindly advise promptly so that the forms on which to record the necessary information may be sent you.

6 January 1941

18-44-65

My dear Madam:

I have received the transportation requests book No. B 118278A - Requests No. A 1368771 to No. A 1368780. I beg to say that I shall travel from Atlanta to Prairie View and return by automobile and would be glad to have the forms on which to record the necessary information.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Edith M. Friday
United States Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Agricultural Economics
Washington, D. C.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 9, 1941.

Professor W. E. B. Du Bois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Professor Du Bois:

Your letter of January 6 has been received. As you plan to travel by automobile, we have requested the authorization to cover this mode of travel. You will be reimbursed at the rate of five cents per mile, provided such mileage does not exceed the cost of first class railroad fare plus Pullman, in which case you will receive an amount equivalent to the railroad fare plus Pullman. When you submit your expense account please use the enclosed forms 1012e, and return to us the original and three copies. Care in submitting full information under all of the items of this form will avoid unnecessary delay in the preparation of your expense account in this office.

Very truly yours,

Edith M. Friday.

Edith M. Friday,
Division of Program Study and Discussion.

Enclosures.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 15, 1941.

Professor W. E. B. DuBois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Professor DuBois:

Professor L. A. Potts just informed me that accommodations would be furnished all members of the staff at Prairie View College. We would appreciate it if you would notify Professor Potts when you will arrive. His address is Division of Agriculture, Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, Prairie View, Texas.

I am looking forward to this experience with you next week.

Cordially yours,

James O. Howard

James O. Howard,
Associate Social Scientist,
Division of Program Study and Discussion.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 29, 1941

Professor W. E. B. DuBois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

89-44-81

Dear Professor DuBois:

I wish to thank you personally for the fine contribution you made to our Prairie View School. From the reports I received on Saturday, the School was very well received; and your own contribution definitely contributed to that conclusion.

If you have not already done so, kindly return the transportation blanks and carbons, together with the exact time you left the city of your residence and returned there; include also the list of taxi fares to and from stations. If you made the trip by automobile, kindly submit the necessary information on the Forms 1012e sent to you under date of January 9, 1941.

I regretted exceedingly not hearing your addresses, but am looking forward to having transcriptions of them soon.

With best wishes, and again thanking you for your part in this interesting educational venture, I remain,

Sincerely and cordially,

Carl F. Taeusch

Carl F. Taeusch,
Head,
Division of Program Study and Discussion.

b-44-81

31 January 1941

My dear Madam:

In order to fulfill my appointment as principal social scientist at the school for agricultural workers at Prairie View College, January 23 to 25, I performed automobile travel in accordance with the enclosed schedule. I am, therefore, returning the book of requests for transportation. As you probably know the round trip fare from Atlanta to Houston with pullman is $52.60. Transportation from Houston to Prairie View and return, eighty-eight miles, would probably necessitate cab hire as local trains are infrequent. I left Atlanta on the morning of January 20, reaching Prairie View at four p. m. January 22. I stayed the three days of the school and also over Sunday. Returning I started on the morning of Monday, January 27, arriving in Atlanta at 6:00 p. m., January 29.

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Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Edith M. Friday
United States Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Agricultural Economics
Washington, D. C.

Du Bois, W. E. B.

Buick

Atlanta, Georgia 553F W. E. B. Du Bois

January 20, 1941 January 29, 1941

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20	Atlanta, Ga.	Meridian	8:30	6:15	57,075	57,410	335
21	Meridian	Marshall	8:30	6:00	57,410	57,782	372
22	Marshall	Prairie View	9:10	4:00	57,782	58,035	253
27	Prairie View	Shreveport	9:15	4:15	58,076	58,346	270
28	Shreveport	Meridian	9:15	6:40	58,355	58,690	335
29	Meridian	Atlanta	9:15	6:00	58,690	59,021	331

1896 $94.80

Standard Form 1012a
Form approved by
Comptroller General U.S.
June 12, 1936

Subvoucher No. _____

STATEMENT OF TRAVEL BY MOTOR VEHICLE

(Submit in duplicate with reimbursement account)

Du Bois, W. E. B.
(Name of traveler)

U. S. Department of Agriculture
(Department or Establishment)

_____
(Bureau or Office)

Statement of travel accomplished with Buick (make of) (Automobile or motorcycle) registered at Atlanta, Georgia (Place), 5537 (Registration number), owned by W. E. B. Du Bois (Name of owner),

and operated under letter of authorization number _____ dated _____

Period from January 20, 1941 to January 29, 1941

Date	Between What Points		Hour of Departure		Hour of Arrival		Meter Readings		Miles Traveled	Rate Per Mile	Amount Claimed	
January 1941	From—	To—	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	Start	End		Cents		
20	Atlanta, Ga.	Meridian	8:30			6:15	57,075	57,410	335			
21	Meridian	Marshall	8:30			6:00	57,410	57,782	372			
22	Marshall	Prairie View	9:10			4:00	57,782	58,035	253			
27	Prairie View	Shreveport	9:15			4:15	58,076	58,346	270			
28	Shreveport	Meridian	9:15			3:40	58,355	58,690	335			
29	Meridian	Atlanta	9:15			6:00	58,690	59,021	331			
								Total,	1896		$94.80	

I hereby certify that the travel indicated above was officially necessary; that the information given is correct; that no part of the travel for which compensation is claimed was performed within the corporate limits of my official station.

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(Signature of traveler)

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 8—6880

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 8, 1941.

Professor W. E. B. Du Bois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Lectures

Dear Professor Du Bois:

I have prepared your expense account for attending the Schools at Prairie View, Texas, in accordance with the information furnished by you and I am returning it to you for your signature and notarization. Please sign the white copy in the space indicated exactly as your name appears on the voucher, W. E. B. Du Bois, have notarized and return to me. You may retain the yellow copy for your file.

Very truly yours,

Edith M. Friday.

Edith M. Friday,
Division of Program Study and Discussion.

Enclosures.

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Standard Form No. 1012a—Revised
FORM APPROVED BY
COMPTROLLER GENERAL, U. S.
July 19, 1937
General Regulations No. 88

VOUCHER FOR PER DIEM AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCIDENT TO OFFICIAL TRAVEL

[EAC]

D. O. Vou. No. _____

Bureau No. _____

(Statement of account must be completely filed in by payee prior to signature, and there must not be any erasure or alteration unless initialed or signed by him)

General Accounting Office PREAUDIT	U. S. [redacted] (Department, Bureau, or Establishment)	PAID BY
Certified for payment in the sum of $_____	THE UNITED STATES, Dr., To [redacted]	
COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES	[redacted]	
By _____	Official Headquarters [redacted]	(For use of Paying Office)
	Domicile _____ Residence _____ (For use of Postal Service only)	

FOR PER DIEM in lieu of subsistence, mileage for personally owned motor vehicle, and/or REIMBURSEMENT of travel and other expenses paid by me in the discharge of official duty from [redacted], 19[redacted], to [redacted], 19[redacted], as per itemized statement within, under authority No. [redacted], dated [redacted], 19[redacted], copy of which is attached,* or has been previously furnished with voucher No. _____, paid _____, 19_____, by _____ (Name of disbursing officer)

	AMOUNT Dollars	AMOUNT Cents
	$ [redacted]	

(Payee will NOT use this space)

Differences _____

Account verified correct for _____ $ _____

(Signature or initials) _____

[redacted]

Principal Social Scientist

Lectures 1941

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MEMORANDUM

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (For completion by administrative office)

Appropriation, Limitation or Project Symbol	Appropriation Title	Limitation or Project Amount	Appropriation Amount
		$	$

Allotment Symbol	Amount	Encumbrance Liquidated	Cost Account Symbol	Cost Account Amount	Object of Expenditure Symbol	Object of Expenditure Amount
	$			$		$

Paid by { Check No. _____, dated _____, 19_____, for $_____ } on Treasurer of the United States in favor of payee named above.

Cash, $_____, on _____, 19_____ SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY _____ (Signature of payee)

*If there was no prior authority state circumstances which rendered securing prior authority impracticable.

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ITEMIZED SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES

1. Date and hour of departure from official headquarters ..... (Date) ..... (Hour)
2. Give duty status on first day of voucher period:
   *Arrived at ..... on ....., 19....,
   for temporary duty for approximate period .....
   Approximate date of return to official headquarters ....., 19....
4. †State authorized allowance for actual subsistence expenses: Not to exceed $5.00 per day.
5. Where for traveler's personal convenience or through the taking of leave there is interruption of travel, deviation from the direct route, or where traveler delays at a place other than post of duty, a statement showing the facts should appear on the voucher.

*If authority provides for travel to more than one point, time of arrival and departure from each should be stated in the body of the account in chronological order.
†If more than one rate of allowance is authorized, full statement of application of each rate must be given in some convenient place on this voucher.

DATE 1951	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE (To be itemized by the day and fully explained)	SUB-VOU. NO.**	AMOUNT Subsistence	AMOUNT Other	NOTATIONS (Payee must not use this column)
January	Mileage as performed, Form 1012c attached herewith				
	1896 miles @ 5¢ per mile			94.80	
	January 23,24,25,26 in Prairie View, Texas.				
	PER DIEM incident to travel as performed (1012c)				
	Jan. 20 3/4 day				
	Jan.21-26 5 days				
	Jan.29 3/4 day				
	6-1/2 days @ $5.00		47.50		
	TOTAL EXPENSES FOR TRIP AS PERFORMED $142.30				
	By COMMON CARRIER, could have:				
	Lv. Atlanta 8.30 am 1/21 via NP L&N SP				
	Ar. Prairie View 8.30 am 1/22				
	Lv. Prairie View 4.36 pm 1/27				
	Ar. Atlanta 12.45 pm 1/29				
	R/T ticket as routed		$42.00		
	Pullman, as routed		11.40		
			$53.40		
	Per Diem incident to above schedule:				
	Jan.21 3/4 day				
	Jan.22-27 5 days				
	Jan.28 3/4 day				
	7-1/2 days @ $5.00		37.50		

TAXI fares incident to above

1/21 In Atlanta, to station	$ .50	
1/25 In Prairie View, to hotel	.25	
1/27 In Prairie View, to station	.25	
1/28 In Atlanta, to home	.50	1.50

Cost of trip by COMMON CARRIER $ 92.40

Since travel by common carrier would have been cheaper, reimbursement is claimed on that basis.

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Totals (to be carried forward to continuation sheet, if necessary) 92.40

Total amount of voucher (not to be used when totals are carried forward to continuation sheet)

**When subvouchers required by regulations were not obtained, state fully the circumstances showing reason for omission.

10—1664a

STATEMENT OF TRAVEL PERFORMED FOR WHICH REIMBURSEMENT IS NOT CLAIMED BY TRAVELER

DATE OF TRAVEL	NO. OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST OR SPEEDOMETER READING	FROM—	TO—	VIA (Kind of carrier or vehicle)*	CLASS OR MILEAGE†	AMOUNT

*Railroad, steamship, airplane, bus, etc.

†Abbreviate class of service or accommodations used. Railroad: F, first class; I, intermediate class; M, mixed class; C, coach; P, Pullman accommodations; DR, drawing room; CP, compartment; BR, bedroom; SOS, single occupancy section; SEC, section; LB, lower berth; UB, upper berth; S, seat. By other mode: Number of miles traveled.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The provisions of the travel regulations must be strictly observed in order to avoid suspensions and disallowances in the accounts.
2. When more space is required for itemization of the account, use continuation sheets (standard forms 1012b—Revised and 1012c—Revised) and fasten together in upper left-hand corner.
3. As many copies of the approved memorandum voucher may be made as required for administrative purposes.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1664a

26 February 1941

My dear Madam:

I have received this morning from the United States Government a check for $117.73 marked salary. I have not as yet received a check for travel and per diem which was to be $92.40. Is that still to come or is it included in this check? If it is, what honorarium was allowed for my services in the workers school? Certainly the balance of $25.33 would not cover the salary promised me. I should be glad if you would look this matter up.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Edith M. Friday
United States Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Agricultural Economics
Washington, D. C.

17-44-81

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 1, 1941.

Professor W. E. B. Du Bois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

18-44-72

Dear Professor Du Bois:

This is in answer to your inquiry of February 26. The check for $117.73 which you received covered the honorarium. The check covering your travel expenses should be received later, and unless there are suspensions, it should be in the amount of $92.40. This check may be somewhat slow in coming through, as the Defense Program has increased and slowed up the work at the General Accounting Office.

Very truly yours,

Edith M. Friday

Edith M. Friday,
Division of Program Study and Discussion.

117.73
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[U.S. - Dept. of State]

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
RC

January 10, 1941

My dear Dr. Clement:

I was happy to learn from Mr. Richard Pattee on his return in November from a brief visit to Atlanta University that you would be willing to receive one or more of the distinguished educational, professional and artistic leaders from the other American republics who are interested in spending some time at the institutions of higher learning of this country.

One of the first persons who has come to the United States at the invitation of this Government is Commander Fernando Romero of Lima, Peru. Commander Romero is an officer of the Peruvian Navy, instructor in the Naval College of that country, and a distinguished sociologist and writer. He is primarily interested in sociology and anthropology, particularly with relation to the Negro. He has expressed interest in visiting a number of universities in the Middle West and in the South and would like to spend a few days in Atlanta. He could arrange to visit the University about ten days from February 25 to March 8.

If this arrangement meets with your approval, I shall suggest to Commander Romero that he communicate with you or with anyone whom you may designate regarding the exact date of his arrival in Atlanta.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of the press release issued by the Department with reference to the first two visitors who are already in this country.

I am sure that a visit to Atlanta University would prove a valuable experience for Commander Romero and I shall appreciate very deeply whatever courtesies and facilities you may extend to him.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

(Signed) Charles A. Thomson
Chief
Division of Cultural Relations

Enclosure:

Press release no. 3.

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[U.S. DEPT. OF STATE]

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

In reply refer to RC

January 27, 1941

My dear Dr. Clement:

I am happy to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 18, 1941 regarding the visit of Commander Fernando Romero of Peru to Atlanta University. I am pleased to know that the University will be able to extend hospitality to him during this period.

It appears probable that Commander Romero will delay his arrival in Atlanta until approximately the first of March. In this event, he will be able to be with you until March 12 or 15. I have requested him to communicate with you with reference to the exact time of his arrival.

Commander Romero's English is not fluent but is adequate for ordinary purposes. I understand that he has already delivered several lectures in English during his visit to Chicago.

The Department is appreciative of the cooperation of Atlanta University in making more effective the visit of distinguished leaders from the other American republics of this country.

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Thomson
Chief
Division of Cultural Relations

Rufus E. Clement, Ph.D.,
President, Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

[U.S. - DEPT. OF STATE]

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Richard Baetes

May 17, 1941

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your letter of May 5, 1941 regarding your plans to spend about ten days in Cuba early in June. I note that you are particularly interested in hotels, and that you plan to visit Santiago as well as Habana.

18-40-13

A day or two ago, Captain Fernando Romero was in my office and told me he had received a letter from you along the same lines. He also informed me that he had written you with the suggestion that you get in touch with Dr. Fernando Ortíz, Calle L y 27, Vedado. Captain Romero has just been in Cuba and has possibly been able to give you more recent information on hotels than I could give. My last prolonged visit to Cuba was in 1937. I am sure, however,

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Editor-in-Chief,
Phylon,
Box 356, Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

however, that if you write, or get in touch with, Dr. Ortíz, he will be delighted to do everything possible for you and, should you desire to work out arrangements in Santiago or in any of the interior cities of Cuba, he would be quite happy to do so.

Please let me know if there is any more specific information which I could give you regarding this proposed trip.

18-40-81

Sincerely yours,

Richard Pattee

Richard Pattee

[U.S. - LIBERIAN MINISTER]

8 July 1941

18-33-151

My dear Walton:

I want to congratulate you upon the new Legation Building and your generally successful work in Liberia. I was sorry to have missed you on your last visit. If I mistake not, you owe me a dinner or do I owe you? Let me know certainly when you come again.

There is one matter which I have been going to take up with you when I saw you but time is flying. A way back in 1908, under the presidency I think of Arthur Barclay, the Liberian Government nominated Booker Washington and myself to the Order of African Redemption. I forget who the American minister who pushed the matter of the Americans through without any knowledge of his action on my part or any suggestion. I understand that the medals were actually struck. Afterwards mine was withdrawn and eventually, I am told, was bestowed upon Bishop Walters. The alleged reason for this was a criticism of Liberia that appeared in the HORIZON of which I was one of the editors. The real reason was that Ernest Lyon and some other friends of Mr. Washington did not want me honored at the same time that he was. I said nothing at the time although I had a perfectly legimate defense. I did not write the criticism on Liberia which appeared in the HORIZON. The HORIZON was a little magazine divided into three parts. These three parts were independently edited by F. H. A. Murray, L. M. Hershaw and myself. Each part was independent and I did not write the criticism of Liberia nor did I see it until afterwards. Moreover, the criticism was not bitter nor unfair but was directed at the committee of Liberians headed by vice-President Dossen who had just visited the United States. In any event it was not my criticism and I was in no way responsible for it.

What I ought to have done was immediately to have made these facts known to the Liberian Government but I had the confidence of young manhood that the truth would eventually come out of its own accord. When, however, I went to Liberia and was given the temporary title of Minister Plenipotentiary to represent President Coolidge at the inauguration of President King, I secretly hoped that the injustice which had been done me would be repaired and that the Order which had been voted me would be given. I have reason to think that the matter did come up but nothing was done and I said nothing.

I write to you to make you cognisant with the facts and to ask that if you think it would be wise or worthwhile to bring the matter to the attention of President Barclay. I shall enter my seventy-fifth year in February, 1942 and I should like, as a matter of justice, to have the Order which was at one time given me. I should never of my own initiative ask for the decoration but it rather goes against my grain to have been unfairly deprived of it.

I am glad to see that you have successfully withstood the climate of Liberia and kept in good health. The tropics are much maligned. I have just been on a month's visit through Cuba and had a splendid rest.

My best regards to yourself and family and to anyone in Liberia who may remember me.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

The Honorable Lester A. Walton
United States Legation
Monrovia
Liberia

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Lester A. Walton

AMERICAN LEGATION
Monrovia, Liberia
August 12, 1941

18-33-152

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I was pleased to receive your letter of July 8, and I wish to thank you for your complimentary reference made in the first paragraph of your communication. While in the United States last summer on leave of absence, I had looked forward to seeing you and must confess that I was greatly disappointed when the opportunity did not present itself for us to get together for an oldtime "eatfest" and "talkfest." I agree that I owe you a dinner which I shall gladly pay whenever conditions permit. I presume Luchows is still doing business at the old stand.

I shall look into the matter as regards the medal conferred on you by the Liberian Government some years ago. You have a warm admirer in President Barclay and it will be a pleasure for me to do whatever I can to secure for you the recognition which you justly merit.

Judging from your writings, which I take pleasure in reading, you are as militant as ever in the advocacy of a square deal for all citizens. It is my sincere wish that in your 85th year you will be as actively engaged in the good work which has brought you distinction at home and abroad.

Liberia is very much in the international picture these days and I should not be surprised that it were not more so the time this letter reaches you. Judging from figures I saw today, giving customs collections and internal revenues for the first seven months of 1941,

Liberia will again balance its budget. It is one of the few countries operating on a balanced budget. However, when you give out such constructive information very little or no attention is paid to same. But some reference to the "Leopard Society" or one case of yellow fever will make the headlines.

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I am happy to state that Mrs. Walton and I are enjoying good health and are enjoying the comforts of the new American Legation, which is the most modernly constructed building on the West African Coast.

Mrs. Walton joins in best wishes to Mrs. Du Bois and you.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,

Lester A. Walton

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN LEGATION
Monrovia, Liberia
October 20, 1941

18-38-154

Confidential.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

On October 7, Secretary of State Simpson called at the Legation to inform me that President Barclay had given instructions that the decoration--Knight Commander of the Order of African Redemption--be turned over to me for transmission to you. However, a mistake had been made as the decoration had been sent to Mr. Walter F. Walker, Liberian Consul General at New York, who, I presume by this time, has delivered decoration to you.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the deserved consideration shown you by the Liberian Government.

I transmit herewith a copy of a letter which I wrote Mr. Irvin Dilliard, of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, on August 24, 1940, while I was home on leave of absence. For several years we have exchanged correspondence and he has always accorded me a hearty welcome when I visited the Post-Dispatch to say "howdy" to my old friends. Mr. Dilliard has never answered my letter and I have been puzzled regarding his silence. Please inform me if, from your point of view, anything objectionable was stated.

I note with great misgivings the growing tendency in the United States to put into the mouths of our people Negro dialect. In every advertisement I have seen in magazines or daily newspapers wherein the Negro appearing

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in the advertisement is quoted, it has been "dis," "dat," "sho," "dese," etc.

18-33-155

I should like to see the colored American make an organized protest against making our people speak other than the plain "United States." Moreover, I should like to see an organized campaign waged against the presentation on the screen of but one type of Negro, that is, the subservient, bowing and scraping servant; and usually both men and women must put on cork. I feel confident if an united protest is made some favorable results can be obtained.

I shall appreciate hearing from you in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

Lester A. Walton

Lester A. Walton

P.S.- Mr. Hilliard is a comparitively young man who is one of the papers chief editorial writers. L.A.W.

Lester Walton

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August 24, 1940

Irvin Dilliard, Esquire,
St. Louis Post-Dispatch,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Dilliard:

I have your note and enclosure. Thanks. I think the feature story well handled. While in St. Louis last May I met individual in question. Regret to state he did not impress me so favorably. A St. Louis school teacher of long acquaintance was very anxious that I meet Kalibala. I made an appointment for her to bring him to the residence of a sister where Mrs. Walton and I were stopping. On the afternoon in question I was thirty minutes late, as I had remained at the Post-Dispatch longer than I had anticipated. Mr. Reese had asked me to furnish some material for a Sunday feature, and to be photographed.

Before entering the room, Mrs. Walton informed me of Kalibala's criticism of Liberia; but try as I did, he seemed very wary of me and was guarded in his talk. He made some criticism of Tuskegee Institute from which I understand he was graduated. Before my arrival he spoke of Firestone owning the Republic of Liberia and charged Firestone with paying the natives starvation wages. The truth is Firestone pays the wage-scale in force on the West African Coast. In 1940, Firestone will pay $1,000,000 (one million dollars) in wages to native workers.

After discussing the economic phases of Liberian life which he appears to know very little, Kalibala proceeded to criticize Liberia's educational system. When Mrs. Walton asked if he had ever been to Liberia he replied in the negative. And yet here is an African going about the United States posing as an authority on all matters African.

In Kalibala's interview given to Marguerite Martyn, he is quoted as saying: "When black people attempt to ape white people, that creates the problem you have here." This is the same kind of talk the Hitler propaganda machine sends out. I recall reading in 1938 an article in which Berlin accused American Negroes of wearing European clothes, going to college and imitating the American white man in various other ways regarded by Hitler as reprehensible. Kalibala ought to be more specific as to in what manner the "black" people of America are aping the white.

We are very much creatures of environoment and customs. The white Southerner does not speak with the same accent as the white Northerner. Nor does the colored Southerner and colored Northerner speak the same. It would be difficult to determine their racial identity were a white man and a colored man put in the same room in Mississippi, Alabama or South Carolina; and the same may be said with respect to a white man and a colored man, both born in Boston.

After nearly six years in Africa, it is not difficult for me to appreciate Kalibala's point of view as a "black man." He thinks and speaks as African. But it should not be expected that colored Americans think and speak as Africans.

For more than three-hundred years the colored American has played a conspicuous part in the economic and social development of the United States. Four thousand Negro soldiers served in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. Andrew Jackson effectively used Negroes in the War of 1812. One hundred and seventy-eight thousand Negroes fought in the Civil War to preserve the Union. Four regular regiments made up of Negroes were in the Spanish-American War, and 400,000 Negroes were enlisted to save democracy in the first World War.

Despite this wonderful record, there are some white Americans who entertain views similar to Hitler and Kalibala that the colored American is imitating white Americans and should act and think more like the aborigines of Africa. When newspapers refer to Harlem as "Little Africa," it is a misnomer; for there is nothing in Harlem to remind one of Africa. Harlem, like other large Negro urban centers in the United States, is the product of social conditions peculiar to this country. It is different when newspapers refer to "Little Italy," "Little Hungary," etc. In these communities the people speak the language of their mother country and import much of the food they eat. They and other hyphenated Americans are suspected of harboring divided allegiances. The American Negro is loyal to the United States only.

Kalibala was born in a mud hut in the jungle. American Negroes are not born in the jungle and have a different perspective. It is 100 per cent American, and during this momentous period of world history the United States will need all pure, unadulterated Americans.

Sooner or later this fact must be faced and realistically

considered: That the American Negro of today, after three centuries, is not composed of the Kalibalas, and that a new race has come into being. Millions of Negroes in the United States are of other descent apart from African descent. And it is absurd to accuse them of imitating the white man instead of acting like African natives.

Nowadays, too much emphasis is put on the color of one's skin. In Liberia, I find there is as much difference, if not more, between dialect and customs of various tribes as between the Englishman, Scot, Welchman and Australian.

If ideologies and ideals were influenced by skin pigmentation, white men in Europe would not be killing one another and destroying cities, towns and homes.

I have written this lengthy, somewhat disconnected communication in the hope ofexpressing forward-thinking views, which the liberal and courageous Post-Dispatch, with its liberal fair-minded writers, may seem fit to give serious consideration. Visualizing the colored American of 1940 in terms of three-hundred, two-hundred, one-hundred, or even fifty years ago is unfair and un-American not only to the nation's one-tenth, but to the nation as a whole.

Sincerely yours,

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18-33-166

2 December 1941

My dear Mr. Walton:

You are surely a wizard. I had just returned from Cuba, having to my great surprise been selected by the Council of Learned Societies to be one of about fifty scholars from the various American republics to take part in an intercultural conference at Havana. The Government kindly paid my expenses and I flew down and back and had a gorgeous time spending money right and left and getting acquainted with a number of interesting people from all over the world. Then when I landed here at the air port, Miss Diggs, my secretary, drew out the decoration and handed it to me. My cup was full and running over. I am deeply obliged for your good offices. When we meet next time it will be an extra lunch, in fact, here is a promise of champagne unless it goes a good deal higher than it already has.

I know Mr. Dilliard of the St. Louis Dispatch. He visited here a year or so ago and we had a nice visit and corresponded afterwards. I think your letter to him was all right and if you do not mind I shall be glad to publish it.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Walton. I am writing to the President.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Honorable Lester A. Walton
American Legation
Monrovia, Liberia

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON

February 13, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

The United States Office of Education is planning a series of dramatized radio broadcasts on the participation of Negroes in American life. It is also the plan to make transcriptions from the broadcasts for use by schools and colleges, and local radio stations; and to revise the radio scripts into lesson units and study guides.

18-2-2

We are asking about 25 persons who have a particular interest in Negro life, and who, because of their special knowledge, experience, and positions, are qualified to assist us, to serve on an advisory committee for this project. Before nominating you to Commissioner Studebaker for appointment, I am writing to ascertain if you would be willing to serve. Your advice will be sought mainly by correspondence.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience on the matter. A self-addressed, franked envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

Very cordially yours,

Ambrose Caliver

Ambrose Caliver
Senior Specialist in the
Education of Negroes

Enclosure.

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON

February 15, 1941

Ambrose Caliver

To Persons Particularly
Interested in Negro Life:

This letter is addressed to a select group of persons who are interested in the welfare of our Nation in general, and in the progress of Negroes in particular; and who are able, by virtue of their positions or achievements, to make a contribution to the development of the important enterprise discussed herein. I hope, therefore, that you will not consider the letter any less significant because it is mimeographed.

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The U. S. Office of Education is planning a series of dramatized radio programs and transcriptions on the participation of Negroes in American life. The major purpose of these programs will be to assist in the promotion of national unity in spirit and in fact. They will be under the general direction of our Senior Specialist in the Education of Negroes, Dr. Ambrose Caliver, with the assistance of W. D. Boutwell, Director of Information Service, which includes radio.

There is attached a tentative, general outline of the proposed programs, and I am writing you particularly to solicit your criticism of the general outline and your suggestions concerning certain details. I realize how busy everyone is during these critical days, but I hope you can find a little time, with the cooperation of your associates, to do the following things:

1. Give suggestions concerning the addition and/or deletion of general topics and sub-topics.

2. List anecdotes and episodes, under the topics with which you are familiar that lend themselves to dramatization, narration, or dialogue. For example, the assistance of Henson in the discovery of the North Pole; of Banneker in planning the National Capital, etc. We should like to have as large a number of these as possible in order to provide latitude in making selections.

3. Send citation of authority for each anecdote and episode, or indicate where same may be found.

4. If you do not have full information concerning any item, give the name and address of the person who might supply it.

5. Anecdotes need not have national importance. We are anxious to learn of important incidents of local significance that can be authenticated.

6. List names of persons now living who have close connection with important contributions and events relating to Negroes.

7. Give brief descriptions of anecdotes showing how Negroes cooperate with other racial groups now, as they participate in a common enterprise relating to any of the fields listed in the outline.

8. Indicate literary and musical selections desirable for use, not only on the programs especially devoted to literature and to music, but that may be desirable for other programs as well.

9. Although we are limited in the number of persons to whom we are sending this inquiry directly, in order that we may have as wide a response as possible, I hope you will present the inquiry to groups of persons and obtain as much cooperation from others as possible.

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A self-addressed, penalty envelope, which requires no stamp, is enclosed for your convenience in replying. Your early cooperation will be appreciated.

Very cordially yours,

J. W. Studebaker

J. W. Studebaker
U. S. Commissioner of Education

P.S. - For convenience, your replies may be written on the back of these sheets.

[enc.]

WE ARE AMERICANS

Participation of Negroes in American Life

Tentative outline for dramatized radio programs and transcriptions, sponsored by the U. S. Office of Education. Suggestions concerning topics and anecdotes, as explained in accompanying letter, are solicited.

A. Contributions in music

1. Spirituals and other religious music.
2. Jazz, swing, and minstrel music.
3. Choral and concert music, compositions.

B. Activities through the theatre and sports

1. Theatrical activities.
2. Sports activities.

C. Activities in exploration, invention, and scientific research

1. Discovery of America, North Pole, planning Capital, etc.
2. Inventions and scientific research.

D. Contributions through literature, art, and religion

1. Prose and poetry.
2. Art and architecture.
3. Religion.

E. Activities in agriculture, industry, and labor

1. Agricultural and mining activities.
2. Manufacturing, commerce, and transportation.
3. Manual labor.

F. Participation in educational progress

1. Early educational development.
2. Recent educational progress.
3. Education of head, hand, and heart.

G. Services as citizens, civil officials, and soldiers

1. Activities in civil life.
2. Military service.

H. Concluding program

Music and summarizing statement.

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15 February 1941

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My dear Mr. Caliver:

I shall be glad to serve as a member of the advisory committee for the radio broadcasts on Negroes in American life.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Ambrose Caliver
United States Office of Education
Washington, D. C.

[U.S. - OFFICE OF EDUCATION]

27 February 1941

My dear Mr. Caliver:

There is only one thing that it occurs to me to suggest in reply to your circular of February 15. I find that the role of the Negro in the Civil War can be brought out realistically by setting the matter down chronologically, for instance, when the war got well underway and Fortress Monroe was captured, the Negro became not simply contraband, but a free labor force needing no transportation and but low wages and at the immediate disposal of the army.

Second, when Port Royal was taken the only way in which South Carolina could be held was by Negro soldiers as no white soldiers were available.

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Third, when New Orleans was captured the only reenforcements available for Butler were Negroes both free and freedmen. These two latter situations led to enrolment of the Negro in the army.

Fourth, when Grant started down the Mississippi his line of communications was protected by Negro troops.

Five, when the Union Army started up from New Orleans to meet Grant the chief fighting was done by Negroes at Port Hudson and Milliken's Bend. Directly after the battle of Antietam, emancipation was threatened and the proclamation issued the following New Year. This was not simply a bid for support in the North and from England but also a threat to the South to put the whole slave population into the army.

Six, when Grant st rted east again his advance was made possible by the protection of Negro soldiers fighting in the rear and with the help of Negro soldiers, Sherman could have never marched to the sea.

Seven, the role of Negroes in the taking of Richmond is well-known and toreward them they led the victorious Union Army when it marched into the captured Confederate capital.

I think that with dates and figures this could be made a singularly dramatic story. I should be glad to undertake it if I had some small financial support for clerical work but, of course, I presume that would be difficult to obtain.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Ambrose Caliver
Office of Education
Washington, D. C.

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1941

Dr. W. E. B Du Bois
Editor-in-Chief, Phylon
Box 356, Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-22-4

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Doctor Caliver tells me that he has taken up with you our proposed dramatized radio broadcasts on the participation of Negroes in American life, and that you expressed a willingness to serve on the advisory committee for the project. I appreciate your interest in the matter and I am, therefore, pleased to appoint you on this committee.

Since we have no money with which to defray the traveling expenses of the committee members, your advice will be sought mainly by correspondence.

Cordially yours,

J. W. Studebaker

J. W. Studebaker
Commissioner

Ambrose Caliver

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON

June 5, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Editor-in-Chief, Phylon
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Request to Sponsor

18-31-19

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Since inviting you to serve on the advisory committee for our proposed series of radio broadcasts on the participation of Negroes in American life, we have been carrying on negotiations with the National Broadcasting Company and the radio actors' and musicians' unions. Also Dr. Caliver has made contact with several artists, band leaders and other important persons whom we are desirous of having on the programs, and commitments have been obtained from them. A sample script for one broadcast is now being written.

I am writing you at this time to inform you of a meeting of the advisory committee and to invite you to be present. The purpose of this meeting is to get your criticisms and suggestions concerning the script as well as certain important matters of policy. The meeting will be held in the Office of Education conference room no. 3142, South Interior Building, Wednesday, June 11, 1941, at 9:30 a.m.

Although the Office of Education has no funds with which to defray the expenses of members, I hope that it will be possible for you to attend. If this is not possible we shall send you a copy of the script for your criticism.

Very cordially yours,

J. W. Studebaker

J. W. Studebaker
Commissioner

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON

August 19, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Editor-in-Chief
Phylon
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

18-22-5

My delay in writing you about our proposed radio programs has been due to (1) the uncertainties in the radio field as the result of the controversy between the Federal Communications Commission and the broadcasting companies, and (2) the difficulties we have run into with the American Federation of Musicians concerning our request that they waive their compensation regulations for the services of the leading bands and orchestras.

After conferring with Local 802 in New York several times and corresponding with them at length, our request was finally refused. We then went to the national organization and made an appeal to Mr. James C. Petrillo, President of the American Federation of Musicians. I am happy to report to you that he gave us a favorable reply, and that one of our greatest difficulties has now been removed.

Because of the importance of the concession which Mr. Petrillo has made in this matter and of its significance to us, it seems appropriate that we let him know that each member of the Advisory Committee appreciates the decision, not only for himself or herself personally, but for the constituency which he or she represents. I am, therefore, requesting that you write a note telling him that I have advised you of his decision and that you appreciate the stand which he has taken. I think that such an expression from you on your official stationery will not only be welcomed by Mr. Petrillo and his associates but will also stand us in good stead in any future negotiations with the organization. Mr. Petrillo's address is 1450 Broadway, New York, New York. If you agree that this is something that should be done I hope that you will find it possible to render this small yet important service at your early convenience.

Very cordially yours,

Ambrose Caliver

Ambrose Caliver
Senior Specialist in the
Education of Negroes

P. S. We have just received word from the National Broadcasting Company that the period from 12 to 12:30 E.D.S.T., September 21, has been assigned for our first broadcast.

A. C.

[enclosure]

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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS OF
THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Affiliated with American Federation of Labor

Joseph N. Weber
Honorary President and
General Advisor
646 Woodruff Avenue(Westwood)
Los Angeles, California

James C. Petrillo
President
1450 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

August seventh
Nineteen forty one

18-22-6

Mr. C. F. Klinefelter
Asst. to the Commissioner
Federal Security Agency
U. S. Office of Education
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of July 30th, and in reply thereto beg to advise that the Federation will interpose no objection to the use of such colored artists as Noble Sissle, Jimmie Lunceford, Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway and Count Basie, on radio programs dramatizing the historical aspects of various fields of endeavor in developing a greater spirit of national unity and better interracial relations; and also transcriptions made of programs to revise the radio scripts into lesson units and study guides for use by schools, colleges and other organizations, both colored and white, throughout the country.

It is understood of course, in granting the above permission, that the recordings will be distributed through the Office of Education for use as outlined in your communication, and will not in any way be used for commercial purposes.

It is also understood that the Department will have the voluntary consent of the artists used.

We remain with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

James C. Petrillo

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON

October 15, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Editor-in-Chief, PHYLON
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-22-2

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I thought you would be interested in knowing that Monday evening we had an opportunity to take the transcription of our first program on "Freedom's People" to the White House and have it played for the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, both of whom expressed great interest and commendation. In fact they were very generous in their approval of the presentation. Others in the party who listened to the program were Lord and Lady Mountbatten and Secretary and Mrs. Henry Morgenthau. You will recall, of course, that Lord Mountbatten is Commander of the Illustrious, the British aircraft carrier which is now under repair in Norfolk. Commissioner Studebaker and Mr. Boutwell, Chief of our Radio Division, accompanied me to the White House. Because of your connection with the program I thought you would be interested in having this information.

Very cordially yours,

Ambrose Caliver

Ambrose Caliver
Senior Specialist in the
Education of Negroes

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION
Washington, D. C.

For Immediate Release:

DR. CARVER HEADS "FREEDOM'S PEOPLE" SHOW OCTOBER 19

Dr. George Washington Carver, the distinguished Negro scientist who introduced the peanut as a Southern crop and then developed from it 90 by-products of commercial value, headlines the second broadcast in the "Freedom's People" series over NBC's Red network Sunday, October 19. Time of the broadcast is 12:30 to 1 p.m. EST.

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This broadcast in the "Freedom's People" series, sponsored by a national advisory committee of white and Negro leaders in inter-racial relations in cooperation with the U. S. Office of Education, will dramatize Negro activities in the fields of science and discovery.

Dr. Carver, born a slave, is now head of the research laboratories he founded at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. His work in solving many of the South's agricultural problems has lessened its dependence upon cotton and improved the South's economic status by opening new avenues in farming and manufacturing. The broadcast will sketch his life story and he himself will speak briefly from Tuskegee.

Matt Henson, Robert E. Peary's aide in eight expeditions to reach the North Pole, will tell of his experiences in Peary's seven failures and final success on his eighth attempt. Only Henson remained with Peary when they completed the final stage of the expedition, a trek of 400 miles across the frozen Arctic, to plant the American flag at the Pole in April, 1909. Today Henson, a retired postal employee, is the only living American who has set foot on the North Pole.

Count Basie and his orchestra, recently voted first place among Negro swing bands, will open the show. The nationally-known Tuskegee choir, directed by William L. Dawson, will flank Dr. Carver's words from the deep South, singing "Climbing Jacob's Ladder". The Leonard De Paur chorus and the 35-piece NBC orchestra round out the show from New York.

Grants from the Rosenwald Fund and the Southern Education Foundation, together with broadcasting facilities offered by NBC and network stations, have made the series possible.

Acting for the U. S. Office of Education in cooperation with the special committee are Dr. Ambrose Caliver, senior specialist in Negro education, and William D. Boutwell, chief of the radio service. Irve Tunick, veteran radio author, writes the scripts. Original music and arrangements are prepared by Dr. Charles Cooke.

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Oct. 15, 1941.

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Editor-in-Chief, PHYLON
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

18-2-8

According to all the comments which have come in and which we have heard about, the first two programs of Freedom's People have been quite successful and well received. Many persons have written to us about the programs, but thus far we have received comments from only a few members of our Advisory Committee. I hope that you have been able to hear the programs. You will be interested to know that Life Magazine is considering using pictures of the first three broadcasts.

We should like very much to have a word from you expressing your views concerning the significance and timeliness of these programs if you feel so disposed. Such expressions of public interest are helpful in our negotiations with the broadcasting company, and also to our office in seeking funds for worthy enterprises.

Because of the lack of funds and the high pressure under which we have had to work it has not been possible to get all the members together and to obtain their advice as we desired. However, we have had frequent meetings of the local members, and have had the constant advice and help of Dr. Alain Locke, Professor Sterling Brown, and Dr. Charles H. Wesley.

The dates for the next four programs are November 23 (Sports), December 21 (Education), January 18 (Religion), and February 15. Tentative dates for the last two are March 15 and April 5. The hour will be 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. EST. If you are in or near New York on any of these dates I shall be pleased to send you a ticket to be our studio guest.

Please feel free to criticize and offer suggestions at any time and let us hear from you at your early convenience.

Very cordially yours,

Ambrose Caliver

Ambrose Caliver
Senior Specialist in the
Education of Negroes

[U.S. - OFFICE of ED.]

[1941?]

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY

U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON

Dear Fellow-worker:

I am enclosing an announcement of a group of dramatized radio programs on the participation of Negroes in American life. I am sure that you will be interested in these broadcasts because of the important position of leadership which you hold, and will welcome them as a supplement to the work which you are already doing.

The purpose of the broadcasts is to help develop national unity and better racial relations - greatly needed during these days of national crisis. I am writing to solicit your assistance in securing the greatest possible results from our efforts. Among the many ways one may help promote the effectiveness of this enterprise are the following:

1. By using one's good offices to encourage individuals and groups to listen to the programs, and then to write the U. S. Office of Education for further information concerning the study guides and transcriptions.

2. By having announcements of the broadcasts made at public gatherings, school assemblies, church services, etc.

3. By having the folder posted on bulletin boards in strategic places.

4. By writing, telephoning, or personally calling on officials of local broadcasting stations urging them to carry the programs, and to make announcements of them from time to time.

5. By requesting the local papers and other publications to carry announcements of the programs and to publish editorials and feature articles about them.

6. By organizing listening and discussion groups.

7. By taking occasion, during public addresses or business and social conversation to mention the broadcasts.

Will you use as many as possible of the above or other ways to promote wide interest in these broadcasts and the transcriptions, and influence others to do likewise. If you have any suggestions or comments concerning the programs, I hope you will send them to Dr. Ambrose Caliver, Senior Specialist in the Education of Negroes, U. S. Office of Education, under whose general direction the programs are being produced. Your cooperation in these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially yours,

J. W. Studebaker

Commissioner

[U.S. Office of Education] [1941?]

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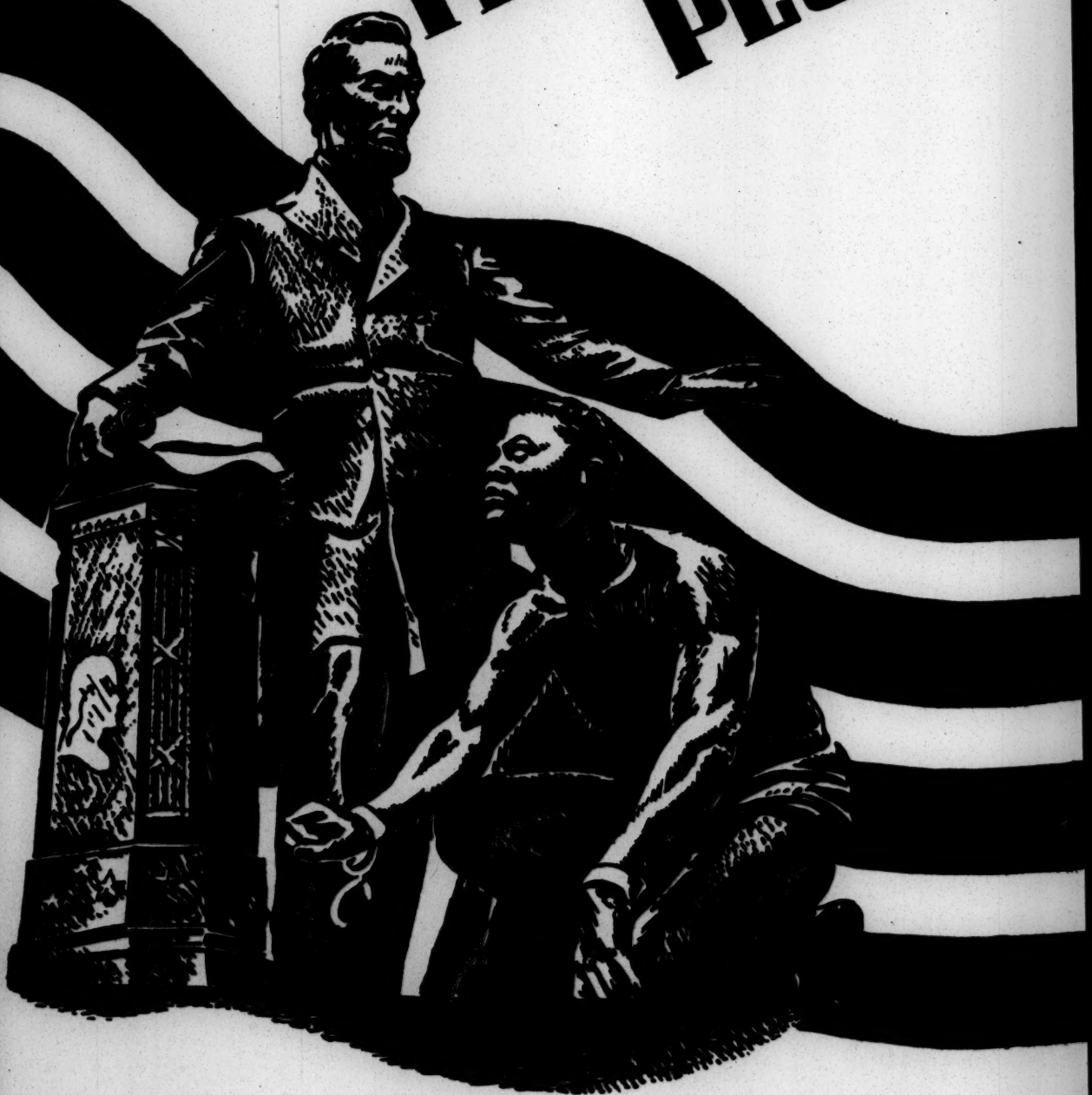
FREEDOM'S PEOPLE



"I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves . . . are and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons."—*Abraham Lincoln,*
Emancipation Proclamation

"Freedom means the supremacy of human rights everywhere."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

FREEDOM'S PEOPLE

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MUSIC—Negro feelings expressed in folk songs, spirituals, jazz, concert music.

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EXPLORATION—a Negro helped Peary plant the flag at the North Pole.

INVENTION—Negroes made many inventions, like the shoe-lasting machine.

SCIENCE—Negroes make discoveries.

INDUSTRY—Negro skilled workers help turn the wheels of manufacture.

EDUCATION—through learning, Negroes contribute to the common welfare.

SPORTS—Negroes excel in many American sports, amateur and professional.

MILITARY SERVICE—Negroes defended our country since the Revolution.

FREE TRANSCRIPTIONS... from the radio broadcasts, transcriptions will be made for use in schools, colleges, study groups, and other non-profit making organizations for educational purposes. Write to: Educational Radio Script Exchange, United States Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.

STUDY GUIDES... the radio scripts will be revised for use as study guides along with the transcriptions. Write to Script Exchange, at above address, for details.

"THERE is no true liberty
for the individual
Except as he finds it
In the liberty of all.
There is no true security
for the individual
Except as he finds it
In the security of all."

—Edwin Markham

"OUR democratic way of life is a way of respect for all human beings. This respect calls for more than verbal acceptance. To defend democracy we must act out democracy."

—Harry O. Overstreet

WATCH FOR DATES:

Watch newspapers for time of programs over National Broadcasting Company stations. Programs will be presented at intervals of about a month.

FREEDOM'S PEOPLE is sponsored by a special committee, co-operating with the U. S. Office of Education and the National Broadcasting Company, to help promote national unity in spirit and in fact, and to bring about better race relations. The programs are under the general direction of Ambrose Caliver, Specialist in the Education of Negroes, U. S. Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, with the co-operation of the Julius Rosenwald Fund and the Southern Education Foundation. Script is written by Irve Tunick with original music and arrangements by Charles L. Cooke. The sustaining chorus is under the direction of Leonard de Paur.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE for FREEDOM'S PEOPLE programs is composed of the following leading Negro and white citizens:

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Consultant on Minority Groups
Labor Division, O. P. M.

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Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

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Director, Division of Negro
Affairs, N. Y. A.

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Howard University
Washington, D. C.

Felton G. Clark, President
Southern University
Scotlandville, La.

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Director of Radio Laboratory
Library of Congress

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Principal, George Bell School
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Washington, D. C.

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Director, Department of Social
Science, Fisk University
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Guy B. Johnson
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Science
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Chief, Negro Placement
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Publishers Association
Cleveland, Ohio

Charles H. Wesley
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Washington, D. C.

Roy Wilkins
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New York City

Garnet C. Wilkinson
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Schools
Washington, D. C.

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[U.S. - Office of Production Management]

27 March 1941

My dear Mr. Weaver:

We are going to hold at Atlanta University, April 17, 18 and 19 the FIRST PHYLON INSTITUTE which will be the Twenty-Fifth Atlanta University Conference. I am trying to start the old Atlanta Conferences anew with narrowed objectives and careful scientific procedure. The subject of the conference will be The Economic Condition and Trends of the American Negro and I want to gather facts and statistics as to past conditions; find what studies and explorations are being made or can be made into present conditions and then look forward to a rationalization of the economic condition of a minority group like the Negro, exploring the role that consumers cooperation may play, the role of pressure group action to force openings into employment and the trades union technique, etc.

18-27-99

I understand the Office of Production Management in Washington with which you are connected is making a picture of what is happening to the Negro in industrial America. I want very much that our conference should include this picture and study it and in the future add to it in any way.

I write to ask if you could be present at our conference and furnish us with detailed reports of what your office is doing? If you cannot come yourself, can you send reports? I shall appreciate anything that you can do to help us.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Robert C. Weaver
Office of Production Management
Social Security Building, Room 3759
Third and C Streets Southwest
Washington, D. C.

[U.S. - Office of Production Management]

OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

SOCIAL SECURITY BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 2, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-27-100

My dear Dr. DuBois:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 27 inviting me to participate in the First Phylon Institute in Atlanta, April 17, 18, and 19.

At the present time, I am preparing a report on the work of our office for the Phylon Institute. I am, also, looking forward to participating in that conference.

In the event that unforeseen developments prevent my being there in person, I shall prepare a statement which will, I hope, meet the specifications which you outlined in your communication.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Weaver

Robert C. Weaver
Administrative Assistant

[U.S. Office of Production Management]

10 April 1941

18-27-101

My dear Dr. Weaver:

Enclosed is a tentative program of our Institute. I hope you will make every effort to be here at the time indicated and give us as good a general statement as you can. We will deeply appreciate it.

Very Sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Robert C. Weaver
Office of Production Management
Washington, D. C.

[U.S. - OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT]

OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

SOCIAL SECURITY BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 5, 1941

18-32-25

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
DuBois Cottage
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Dr. DuBois:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 31 relative to Mr. Streator.

I have recently talked with Mr. Streator and you may be sure that we shall be glad to give him every possible consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Weaver

Robert C. Weaver
Chief, Negro Employment
and Training Branch,
Labor Division

[U.S. - WORK PROJECTS AD.]

17 January 1941

1-04-81

My dear Sir:

You will pardon me for my delay in answering your letter of December twelfth, but I have been out of town considerably in the interval. I have heard the statement that the first Royal Governor of Massachusetts was a Negro but I do not know anything further concerning the matter nor can I refer you to any authorities. It is possible, however, that Miss Ruth Fisher, the Representative of the Library of Congress in England might be able to guide you further. She is in this country at present and can be addressed at:

Miss Ruth Fisher
901 Rhode Island Avenue Northwest
c/o YWCA
Washington, D. C.

With regard to Mr. Belcher, I know the family and undoubtedly what Mr. Belcher says is true. You might, however, follow the matter up by writing to a relative of his, probably either a daughter or granddaughter who is at the head of the colored YWCA in Indianapolis. Her and address are:

Miss Mae Belcher
c/o YWCA, Colored
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Henri Deas
Historical Records Survey
Sharp School
Boston, Massachusetts

[U.S. - W.P.A.]

Enc. from Negro Writers Project

703 E. 50th Place
Chicago, Illinois
19 February 1941

Dear Dr. DuBois;

I sort of "sat in" on Miss Waxman's letter to you today, and since then I've been wondering if I hadn't better write you myself and try to fill in some of the details. This is what's happened and how it got started.

18-33-132

A

About a month ago, remembering what you had told me about the present status of the Encyclopedia of the Negro, I asked Mr. Embree how he thought you and the others concerned would feel about employing the services of the Writers' Projects to help with the work. He was immediately impressed and suggested that perhaps this would reduce the over-all costs of the undertaking enough to bring it definitely within reach of agencies already interested in sponsoring the job. Accordingly, I wrote a short memorandum to Dr. MacDougall, Illinois state director. To this Mr. Embree added a letter of endorsement. Dr. MacDougall was so pleased that he added his letter to the others and carried the folder to Washington. He found the national director of all writers' projects in a mood of complete defeat and despair and unwilling to listen to anything on whatever subject. Another man (whose name Miss Waxman gave you) was definitely interested, however, and kept the little folder on his desk. There the matter stood till we heard that you were to be in town and tried to arrange a conference. We had at first hoped to clear the way in WPA circles before coming to you, but the second thought was that your support and the approval of the sponsor might help us make headway on this end.

We had considerable talk today, and Dr. MacDougall felt quite strongly that the trip to Washington by you would at this moment be the most helpful move. You see, he is assuming that the work will be undertaken, if at all, on a national scale, with various state projects contributing. At least he takes it that that will be attempted first. But I can suggest that there is an alternative if that fails. The Illinois Project could and would participate on its own authority as things stand now and could contribute substantially. It is conceivable that several other state units would do likewise, and the work of all these might be coordinated through the sponsoring agency rather than through the national office of WPA. WPA is very complicated, but that is a possibility.

I have personally a very great interest in the Encyclopedia, and I am convinced that most of the spade work might very well be done by the personnel and organizations that produced the various state guides and books like THE NEGRO IN VIRGINIA. There are many fairly good Negroes in these units, and more might be employed--especially in supervisory capacities--given an assignment like this. How something like this

would fit into the broad plans which you have for the Encyclopedia only you can say, but I do hope it will strike you as feasible.

It would seem to me that the sponsoring agencies could set up a comparitively small staff to work with you on the thing as a whole (so to speak). Segments might then be apportioned to one writers' project and another, and this work might be coordinated by one of the members of your reduced staff. Such an arrangement might or might not suit your aims. It is just to suggest that there are possibilities. I wish I might talk with you at length about them. At the moment IIm off to my first mardi gras since I was three (plus a little speaking and some research), but here's hoping that good things will be hatching when I come back, two weeks hence.

Very sincerely,

Arna Bontemps

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-33-133

U.S. - W.P.A. Writers' Project

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION
OF ILLINOIS

CHARLES E. MINER
ADMINISTRATOR

ILLINOIS WRITERS' PROJECT
433 East Erie Street
Chicago Illinois

February 26, 1941

Writers Project - Enc. to the negro

18-36-35

Dr. W. E. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

In the absence from the city of Mr. Arna Bontemps, supervisor in charge of the Negro studies being conducted by the Illinois Writers' Project, I am happy to tell you that I shall be available for a conference during your visit to Chicago on March 8. I hope that Mr. Bontemps will be back by that time, but in any event, if it impossible for you to postpone your visit until the following week, I hope you decide to come.

B

As Mr. Embree of the Rosenwald Fund has told you, I took up the matter of the Writers' Project assistance on the Encyclopedia of the Negro during a recent trip to Washington. The recently appointed head of the Public Activities Program, Mr. Walter Kiplinger, is very much interested, and I believe that there is a better chance now than ever before to conduct this work on a nation-wide basis. If, however, your previous experience in attempting to obtain WPA cooperation makes you feel contrary, we ought to be able to work out a plan whereby the Illinois Writers' Project will assume the major or sole responsibility. Certainly we can discuss this matter better than we can correspond regarding it.

If you will let me know when and where to meet you on your trip to Chicago I shall arrange my schedule to fit yours.

Very truly yours,

Curtis D. MacDougall

CDM/y

Curtis D. MacDougall, State Supervisor
Illinois WPA Writers' Project

[U.S.-W.P.A.

28 February 1941

My dear Mr. MacDougall:

I have your letter of February 26. Since Mr. Bontemps will not arrive in Chicago until March 8, I have arranged to be in Chicago, March tenth. I shall arrive about seven o'clock in the morning and will stay until midnight. I shall be at your service during the day for conference concerning cooperation between the Writers Project and the Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

In explanation of my letter concerning Washington, I am enclosing copies of corres ondence between the promoters of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro and the WPA project dating back to 1934. I would be very glad to have you glance over this and to let any other persons interested see it. Of course, we did not come into any connection with Mr. Kiplinger and we hope his interest may be obtained. If after conference you think that contact with him and any other persons in Washington should be had, I am sure that Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes would be glad to make appointment to see him in April when Mr. Stokes returns from the South. And if advisable I might also go to Washington for conference.

I have no engagements on my Chicago trip and would be glad to hear from you as to when and where the conference will meet. I appreciate your interest.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-36-36

Mr. Curtis D. MacDougall
ILLINOIS WPA WRITERS' PROJECT
433 East Erie Street
Chicago, Illinois

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[U.S. WPA] Workers' Project

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13 March 1941

18-36-34

My dear Mr. Bontemps:

I want to thank you and your colleagues very much for your hospitality while I was in Chicago. I enjoyed the stay. I am taking up the matter of cooperation of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro and the Writers Project with Mr. Stokes today.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Arna Bontemps
703 East 50th Place
Chicago, Illinois

[U.S.- WPA]

7 April 1941

Encyclopaedia of the Negro

18-36-37

My dear Mr. Bontemps:

Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes of the Phelps Stokes Fund send this letter to you in my care. He suggests that you write him directly outlining in the name of the WPA the proposal for collaboration between the WPA and the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I am sending you a copy of the main part of the letter which I wrote Mr. Stokes, March 14. I hope you can attend to this matter and make contact with Mr. Stokes at an early date.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

P.S. Possibly Mackaye will join or countersign.

Mr. Arna Bontemps
c/o Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago

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18-26-28

April 23, 1941.

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Here are the two letters I sent Mr. Stokes in reply to the one from him which you forwarded. Only the first of these, dated the 15th, is official. On that Mr. MacDougall and I conferred, and he followed it with a short note of his own - copy enclosed. A few days latter I tried to give Mr. Stokes an informal impression of the way which I personally visualized our collaberation in action. He seemed to ask for some such statement in his letter. I hope, however, that I made it plain that this was merely one man's fancy at work. Any other way the thing develops within the framework on which we seem all to have agreed will be just as satisfactory from my point of view.

Very sincerely yours,

Arna Bontemps

AB:jm

[Enc.]

April 15, 1941.

12-36-27

Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes,
The Phelps-Stokes Fund,
101 Park Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Stokes:

Your letter was relayed to us by Dr. Du Bois with the suggestion that I ask Dr. Curtis D. MacDougall, our State Director, to append a countersign to my reply to you. I have had a conference with Dr. MacDougall on the matter and can now say with his approval that Dr. Du Bois has stated the position of the project very well indeed in his letter of March 14, 1941. Only one small item needs to be clarified. In the first paragraph of his conclusions Dr. Du Bois says "On the other hand, the Illinois project through correspondence can get cooperation in a large number of states". As a matter of fact, this correspondence would properly be done by the sponsor, if operations are to be simplified as much as possible. With this exception then, the Illinois Writers Project is in a position to render all the services indicated by Dr. Du Bois in his lengthy and detailed letter to you.

I am hoping that this will enable you to proceed with plans for the Encyclopedia of the Negro.

Yours very truly,

Arna Bontemps

AB:jm

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COPY

703 E. 50th Place,
Chicago, Illinois,
April 18, 1941.

12-36-30

Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes,
101 Park Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I failed to touch on the most important paragraph of your letter when I wrote two days ago. You asked me to tell in my own way what I would recommend in case all interested parties find it possible to cooperate on the Encyclopedia of the Negro, and the only thought I have to add to Dr. Du Bois proposals is a completely personal and informal suggestion which I would rather put in a separate letter.

For the sake of proper liason between the consulting editorial board of the Encyclopedia and the twenty-five Writers' Project people which Illinois is ready to provide and to make sure of continued air-tight cooperation between both groups, I would suggest that a member of the consultation board be placed in personal charge of the work in the Rosenwald headquarters. There is a local precedent for such an arrangement in WPA. Moreover I feel that by removing the supervisor in charge of this enterprise from the vast, time-consuming details of WPA routine the Encyclopedia would gain a great deal. Also, it would become possible for this individual to spend time with the editor-in-chief and others in the consultation sessions. He would be in a position to negotiate for the services of workers on other state projects, without violating WPA regulations.

The number of trained workers available for this work will fluctuate slightly with the rise and fall of WPA employment in general, but it appears now that we can be assured of between twenty and twenty-five. This does not include typists. Usually all of the project's typing is sent to a central pool. It may be found useful and possible to secure a body of typists who will devote themselves strictly to the work of the Encyclopedia. This would substantially increase our number of workers.

The question of supervising the work of these people should offer no serious difficulties. Dr. Du Bois or other representatives of the Encyclopedia, as representatives of the sponsor, would be making a contribution to WPA by supervising such work - the more the supervision, the more the contribution. The assembled matter will, of course, all be placed at the disposal of the editors.

18-36-31

Let me summarize by giving a brief picture of the unit as I would visualize it in operation. The headquarters on the third floor of the Rosenwald Fund building would be designated as an office of the Encyclopedia of the Negro. It would be in charge of one of the assistant editors. This assistant editor (responsible only to the Encyclopedia), in addition to his work on the consultation board, would be assigned to personally supervise the whole effort of the Illinois Writers' Project in connection with the Encyclopedia. He would have perhaps two sub-lieutenants designated by the Writers' Project from their supervisory personnel. These might also occupy desks in the rooms provided by the Fund. If it is possible to provide the assistant editor in charge of this unit with a secretary who will not be subject to the eighteen-month tenure of WPA, I should think an advantage would be gained for the Encyclopedia - assuming that we will actually see this undertaking through to its conclusion four years hence - but that is a minor point. All assignments of work would originate with the consultation board of the Encyclopedia. They would be passed along to the workers of the unit via the assistant editor and the two WPA supervisors. Time cards and such details would be handled exclusively by the WPA supervisors, but the assistant editor would be the final power in all editorial matters. This assistant editor would enjoy a very favorable position with regard to the Writers' Project too, for he would be the representative of the sponsor - a most important individual in any WPA enterprise.

Added to my approval of all Dr. Du Bois' proposals to you, this about tells the story from my point of view. We can go to work whenever you are ready.

I am sorry that this installment of my reply was delayed, but I hope it will be of use at this time.

Very truly yours,

Arna Bontemps

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18-36-32

April 18, 1941.

Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes
The Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Stokes:

Mr. Arna Bontemps supervisor of Negro studies for the Illinois Writers' Project has shown me copies of the letters which you have received from Dr. Du Bois and himself regarding the proposed Negro Encyclopedia. I can add only a word to say that Dr. Du. Bois and Mr. Bontemps have described the situation accurately and completely. The Illinois Writers' Project is willing and eager to undertake this assignment. I hope that it will be possible for us to do so.

Curtis D. MacDougall
State Supervisor
Illinois Writers' Project

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[U.S.-WPA]

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Dr. Guy B. Johnson

18-33-146

7 May 1941

My dear Mr. Bontemps:

I am a little distressed, as I know you are, at the prospect of postponement of the final decision as to cooperation of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro with the Illinois Project of the WPA. I have written Mr. Stokes a letter, a copy of which is enclosed. What I propose is that we should begin definitely as of September first the cooperation using such part of the Phelps Stokes appropriation as they can let us have. I will by September first have in your hands subjects and bibliographies for as large a number of subjects for writers as possible and I will come to Chicago for a few days early in September to help start the matter. If you think this is feasible, let me know. Of course, if the foundations decide to provide the balance of the ten thousand dollars needed no time will have been lost and if they do not we can go as far as possible on the small appropriation and with a series of worthy studies. Kindly think this over and let me hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Arna Bontemps
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago

Copy for Amer. Stokes -

[U.S. - WPA] Illinois Writers' Project

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION
OF ILLINOIS

CHARLES E. MINER
ADMINISTRATOR

4901 Ellis Ave.
May 12, 1941.
Chicago, Ill.

Encyclopaedia - W.P.A.

8-26-37

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:.

Your suggestion seems to me a good one. I am sending copies of the letters to Dr. MacDougall's office, and I am sure you will hear from him promptly if he has any objection. If Dr. Stokes approves, I see no reason why we should not attend to the formalities right away. These will consist of a) a request for the services of the Illinois Writer's Project - there is a blank provided - and b) the sponsorship agreement - Mr. Van De Mark will draw this up for signature by the sponsor. Neither of these is very complicated.

Our unit will be completely ready to begin the cooperation the first of September with your help.

Very sincerely yours,

Arna Bontemps

AB:jm

[US - WPA]

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Dwight L. Green, Governor
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The Editors

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August 6, 1941

Request to write article

Dr. William E. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-44-81

Dear Dr. DuBois:

As you probably know, UNITY, published by Abraham Lincoln Centre here in Chicago, is a journal of liberal and progressive opinion, and from time to time issues special numbers dealing with special phases of our national life. It is hoped sometime in the near future to issue a number dealing with various phases of the Negro in relation to the current national and international situation.

We should like very much if you would be good enough to send us some time within the next three or four weeks an article dealing with such phase or phases of this general subject as you may choose. The article should be from 2,000 to 2,400 words. Perhaps you already have on hand something in the way of an abstract of some recent address or other suitable material.

Unfortunately UNITY does not pay for copy. However, we do send to contributors a bundle of extra copies of the number containing their articles.

We should greatly appreciate your co-operation in this connection.

Cordially yours

C W Reese

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Managing Editor

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[UNITY]

21 August 1941

My dear Sir:

Dr. Du Bois is away from his desk on Vacation and will not return to Atlanta until about September twentieth. He has requested me to say, if it is not too late, he will be pleased to comply with your wishes after his return to the University.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. C. W. Reese
Abraham Lincoln Centre
700 Oakwood Boulevard
Chicago

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September 2, 1941

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Dear Miss Diggs:

Thank you for your note of August 21st.

As we do not plan to use the material asked for until later in the fall, it will be all right for Dr. Du Bois to send us his manuscript after he returns to the University.

Cordially yours

Ann Cook

Secretary to Dr. Reese

Miss Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

[UNITY]

26 September 1941

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My dear Sir:

Enclosed is an article which I offered the NEW YORK NATION but was not accepted. You are welcome to use it if you wish to.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. C. W. Reese
Abraham Lincoln Centre
700 Oakwood Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

Sent "The 25th Atlanta Conference"

7 July 1941

18-22-31

My dear Mr. Urrutia:

Miss Diggs and I are safely back in Atlanta and hard at work. May I thank you very much for your kindness during my most interesting stay in Cuba. In keeping with your request we have sent you a copy of PHYLON.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Gustavo E. Urrutia
Redaccion y Admon.
Manzana de Gomez, Depto. 206
Habana
Cuba

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INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHAPEL HILL

March 4, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Editor
Phylon
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

18-41-65

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

It is very heartening to learn of the twenty-fifth Atlanta Conference on the Economic Condition and Trends of the American Negro. I know of nothing more worthy of commemoration than the pioneer studies you developed in the early days at Atlanta University.

Needless to say, I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to participate in the Conference. I am afraid, however, that I would be appearing under false colors for I have not specialized in economic research nor have I done my main work in the field of race.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson is the Institute's specialist in this field, and since he spent the whole of last year with the Carnegie Study, I believe he would be competent to point out valuable materials bearing on the Conference theme.

My own work is largely in the field of population, and here I shall be very glad to offer what suggestions I can. In the Carnegie Study, Kirk has a valuable memorandum on Negro fertility, Dorn on Negro mortality, and Stouffer and Florant on migration and mobility. It may be that the Carnegie Corporation can make these materials available at no expense to the Conference.

With all good wishes for its success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rupert B. Vance

RUPERT B. VANCE
Research Professor

RBV-c

[DUPL.]

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Amsterdam News

P. O. Box 208
Pretoria
Africa, South
January 2, 1941

Dear Sir:

The American Board Mission in South Africa helped me to your address. Of course I read your beautiful "Souls of Black Folk", and with delight.

I am a born Hollander, but British Subject and have been a temporary Secretary to President Kruger and also a former diplomatic representative, knowing not only Europe but also the U. S. A. where I have quite a number of acquaintances. I visited the States four times and knew Mr. Pierpont Morgan (father) quite well, and other prominent people.

I am interested in the gradual development of the South African Negro. The government do already a lot for the natives, but it is by far not enough. I know the Minister for Native affairs and am befriended with his official Secretary and both of them would galdly help me, if I could raise the necessary funds.

Do you think that a general move among the 8 million of Negroes in America could be made in favour of the very intelligent South African Bantu and Zulee? Supposing each American Negro would offer a dime, or still better a quarter we would arrive at a sum large enough to but a very extended farm or land along a river in a healthy country, and begin to build a real town, with special schools, hand and home industries, farms ("model" ones) with first class dairies, price bulls and cattle, sheep, etc., etc.

It would be of course very good if a picked dozen or so of American Negro-Instructors would come here and help.

I may say that I am a first class organiser, distinguished myself in organising help for the Russian Refugees (League of Nations) and also for the half famished Vienna children whom in 1920, by tens of thousands, our committee sent to Halland.

I am an elderly bachelor, had my own farm in Russia (my mother had been Russian) with my own school, church, embroidery-industry, needlework, etc.

I would like to pick negroes with fine voices and have an American vocal teacher teach them to learn choir singing with American songs: also to teach them dancing; and last not least, I am dreaming of a large training school for cooks, house maids and male servants, who after having finished "our" school, would be able to get at once employment on much higher wages as the more or less uncivilized "boy" from his Kraal. Also of a first class orchestra I am thinking.

Please do give me a hand. If necessary I might come over to your country and give interesting lectures to make propaganda for my intended scheme, if you think it would be useful.

As I say anything I would suggest with your moral and financial help, would be sure to be approved by the Minister for Natives Affairs, whose intimate friend is General Smuts.

Don't let us loose time: do it now! "Our" township, beautifully laid out with lots of trees and flowers and gardens before each cottage, with swimming baths, children's play grounds, sporting grounds etc., etc. should become a model-place, to which from near and far even "white" people would travel; a kind of a show place besides the deep moral undertaking that it would represent.

Hoping to hear soon from you.

Yours faithfully,

F. A. van der Hoeven
Knight of the Order of St. John
of Jerusalem

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[F.A. van der Hoeven]

Amsterdam Negroes

Pretoria S Africa
P.O. Box 208
Jan. 2nd 1941

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Yours faithfully

F. A. van der Hoeven

Knight of the Order of St John of Jerusalem

18-25-66

11 February 1941

My dear Sir:

I have received your interesting letter of January 2. I am going to publish its appeal in a column which I write for a widely circulated Negro paper but I must say frankly that I do not think there is any chance that the American Negro at present would be able or disposed to promote the enterprise which you have in mind. I think it ought to be done. I think eventually it will be done in some form but American Negroes are at present only partially Africa conscious. They are absorbed and obsessed by their own problem here in America and that is calling upon them for increasing contributions in money and strength.

Despite this opinion I shall publish the essentials of your appeal and see what response comes. I appreciate your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. F. A. van der Hoeven
P. O. Box 208
Pretoria
South Africa

[F.A. van der Hoeven]

Amsterdam Negro

P.O. Box 208
Pretoria S. Africa
March 21st 41

18-25-67

My dear Sir,

This morning I had the pleasure to receive your letter dd. Feb. 11th which came rather quick (+ uncensored this time for once) compared with letters from Sweden or Switzerland which take from 3 months upwards.

I am delighted with the contents of your note + not a bit disappointed. If the American Negroes, apart from the "local-American + burning questions which I think I am acquainted with, would take up the matter as you + I wish it, it would greatly add to their prestige, internationally add, all over the world.

Look at the Jews. Whether we like them or not, we cannot help admiring them for their admirable unity + powerful activities among, exclusively, the Jews all over the world, Jews of different tribes if I may say so, different characteristics, habits + ways: compare those of North Africa, of Greece + Turkey, of Asia with those known in the U.S. States + you will hardly recognize them as brother-Jews, I mean as belonging to the same Jewish race. May be I had better said „tribe" instead of „race". However you will understand me. That organised Great-Jewish Help materially before all, adds a great deal to the inter-Jewish Prestige.

And why should not one of these very wealthy Harlem Negroes begin by signing a handsome subscription & why could not those 8 Millions of American Negroes bring up the amount of $ 800.000 — each one a dime — to begin with at once?

You cannot imagine certain thing that happen here to the "Natives" as they are officially called here, whilst "coloured" are half caste, a separate class, which personally I do not appreciate. Only a week ago a fourteen year old boy had been beaten to death by his white master, who got away with 8 or 9 months of hard labour — One is revolted when one reads these stories which do repeat themselves —

Well — if the American Negro is not interested in his African cousin, or not yet interested, tackle him by the Prestige question, which is a most serious one. People would be stunned by hearing such a feat: substantial help, collected by civilized American Negroes in favour of their primitive cousins in Africa. It would be a sensation, and ... a discreet warning: a Bible would be quite refreshing

Before closing may I say that I am very proud to have been understood at least by you. There is so little understanding nowadays.

Thanking you very heartily for what you have already done by your appeal in your Review —

very sincerely yours

F.A. van der Hoeven

Du Bois [E.J. VAN LENNEP]

Bx 32 F 3

Pittsfield Mass.

May 21st 1892

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

Newport.

My dear Doctor:

Looking over letter files of years gone by, I find a very interesting account of what you wrote me to be read to our Sunday School, Sept. 29. 1892, from Eisenach. S. W. Germany.

I have in mind to turn it over to our Committee, that is getting together material of interest to the general Church activities, all to be presented, as we approach the anniversary of its 200 years since it was organized in 1743.

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several have been much interested in reading over what you sent to the Home Sunday School 49 yrs. ago. It occurs to me that you may like to see it, while it is still in my hands. A word by the enclosed card will bring it to you.

Our dear Walter Scott, in the rapid movement of one of his absorbing, great, historic poems, pauses again and again, to repeat, "Time rolls his ceaseless course." and certainly it does! Here I am 85 years young! Not quite able to do hand stands on the bars, or tramp off to Mt. Everett on snow shoes, but still same thing of a youngster! And you! Well, I don't want to think of such a youngster — some might say "Kid"! Old time greetings from Alice Shedd that was, and

Yours very cordially E. J. Van Lennep

18-33-149

26 May 1941

My dear Mr. Van Lennep:

I am delighted to hear from you and should be so glad to see that letter of 1892. If you send it to me, I will see that it gets back to you quickly and safely.

It is fine to know that you are well and evidently in good health. On the other hand, I think that the argument in "That Leveling Process" is all wet. If the income of most men depended directly upon their effort and desert that would be splendid. The marks of men studying for examination do depend upon their effort and desert; but for most men and especially for the richest men, money income depends upon monopoly, privilege, chance and is seldom measured by their labor and effort. A man gets what he earns in case of intellectual effort, e. g. knowledge and power. In the case of money income a man needs three mals a day, clothes and shelter and something but not much more; but despite effort he gets starvation in some cases or in others fifty thousand dollars a year more than he can spend. Equality of income is rational and based on essential equality of human needs. There is no equality of human accomplishment and no demand for it and no need for it.

With best regards to you and all friends in town who remember me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. E. Van Lennep
Box 326
Great Barrington, Massachusetts

[E.J. VAN LENNEP]

Box 826
Mr Bobo

Gt. Barrington. Mass.
May 28/44.

Dr. W. L. B. DuBois.
Atlanta. Georgia.

18-33-150

My dear Doctor:

We connected Thursday. and yet a thousand and one things, each quite natural, might have happened to interfere with our connection. Now I am mailing that old letter to you. In all probability it will reach you safe and it will be back here without anything happening. At a rail road crossing just a few hundred feet from this desk on which I am writing, thousands upon thousands have crossed without thought of accident, and yet three men were instantly killed not so long ago.

Suppose we level off, in all fairness to all. Every human being has the same to a cent. How will it be at the end of the first week? So infinite and varied are the influences affecting these complex lives of ours. argument and discussion, and the laying down of rules, all seem useless.

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Your old friends often speak of you. We wish you could be up here for the gathering of High School Alumni. Our younger daughter with her husband goes away for about three months, the early spring and most of the winter. They motored down just leisurely, the two of them. Thro' southern coast states down into Florida, and took their time on the way home.

As to the letter, there is no special story about its return. It will fill its place eventually, with material being kept as of interest among our Church activities.

You would hardly know the group of School Buildings. Class room way over 100. Nearly 70% and more of teachers are Catholic and Irish. When it comes to the general help, hardly a single one not Irish. For years an Irish Doctor has been Chairman of the School Board and he's a typical Boss! The name of all town work, hardly a dollar paid out to help not Irish. If you want odd jobs by land or sea all Irish man, one must go West! Best wishes to you

Cordially yours E. O. VanLennep

18-33-148

7 July 1941

My dear Mr. Van Lennep:

Thank you very much for letting me see this letter. I am returning it herewith. I realize that Great Barrington has changed. It would be pretty difficult for me to feel at home there now.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. E. J. Van Lennep
Box 326
Great Barrington, Massachusetts

[VIRGINIA ST COLL]

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W. F. Whitaker
J. E. Watson
H. Councill Trenholm
John W. Davis
F. D. Bluford
John M. Gandy

31 January 1941

18-44-168

My dear Mr. Gandy:

In consultation with Principal Banks of Prairie View College and President Patterson of Tuskegee, I have been working out a plan for joint study of the economic condition and future of the Negro in the United States. I want very much to talk it over with you and get your cooperation. If you are coming to the agricultural meeting in Atlanta, February third, will you call me up so I can make an appointment to see you. My telephone number is - Walnut 7956.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President John M. Gandy
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

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SECRETARY

18-41-36

March 7, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Editor in Chief
Phylon, Box 356 Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have your letter setting forth the dates on which you are holding a conference in Atlanta on the subjects that we discussed when I saw you there last.

It is my purpose to try to come to the meetings in Atlanta on the 17th, 18th, and 19th of April and, if possible, to arrange for Mr. Roberts to come also. The work that you are setting out to do is very much worthwhile and all of us should try to help you carry it forward.

Very sincerely yours,

John Manuel Gandy

John Manuel Gandy, President

JMG:M

18-41-37

7 April 1941

My dear President Gandy:

You spoke in your letter of a Mr. Roberts who may accompany you to the conference. We will be very glad to have him and will you kindly ask him, as I do not have his full name, if he will let me know of studies having been made on the economic condition of Negroes in Virginia either by him or others; or studies that are underway. We want to get a rather complete list.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President John M. Gandy
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

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SECRETARY

April 15, 1941

18-44-220

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

We have found that it will be impossible for Mr. Roberts to attend the Phylon Institute. He has an engagement that will take him to New Jersey on the 18th of this month.

In order to keep in touch with your organization, we are asking Dr. Luther P. Jackson to go down and bring back to us information that will be presented at the conference.

Again, I feel very heartsick over the idea of my inability to be present, but at succeeding meetings I shall make every possible effort to be present.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Gandy

John M. Gandy, President

JMG:M

Virginia State College

Petersburg, Virginia

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April 15, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dear Dr. Du Bois:

On March 7th I wrote you that it would be my plan to attend the Phylon Institute to be held in Atlanta on the 17, 18, and 19th of this month. However, now I find that it will not be possible for me to come.

I am asking Mr. Harry W. Roberts, who holds a Master of Arts degree from the University of London and has studied at Oxford, Chicago, and Yale since that time, to represent this institution. We regard him as a very capable man and he should be valuable in your discussions.

No regret has come to me that I have felt so keenly as my inability to attend your meeting; however on the 18th I am to attend our state interracial meeting, and I am invited at the same time to a testimonial dinner at Portsmouth, Virginia given in honor of the President of Virginia State College. When I talked with you I did not know that these various obstacles would confront me.

I hope that in future meetings I may be able to attend and do whatever you wish me to do.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Gandy

John M. Gandy, President

JMG:M

Virginia Union University
WILLIAM JOHN CLARK, PRESIDENT
Richmond, Virginia

Office of the President

February 20, 1941

Dr. W. E. B.DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

1941-44-81

My dear Dr.DuBois:

I thank you for your invitation to participate in the conference which you are planning for April. I should like to have a part in this conference. The best person on the faculty for the work is Dr. H. J. McGuinn. However, the date suggested conflicts with an important movement in connection with our Belgian Building and I am not sure that any one of us can be away from Richmond at just that time. However, you may communicate with him as you desire.

Very truly yours,

WJC/m

President

[Feb. 21, 1941]

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Bork

18-32-16

What other problems may be bothering the human race when this dream will be fulfilled we do not know. We only can go on fighting, wishing, hoping and living those ideas that are truth to us.

And I hope and wish you may live to see at least some of the prejudices disappear, - when in the "dark" continent the dark people are rinsing to fight for freedom, for freedom that has been lost by the white peoples and their governments in Europe. Monsieur Eboue and his valiant soldiers may bring about that turn.

It would be a privilege if you would permit me to pay you a visit in case I should happen to come near the place where you live.

Hoping you will forgive my audacity of talking to you about problems I never have dealt with; hoping you will understand that it is done from my heart and with my heart

I am very sincerely yours

Hertha Vogelstein.

(Miss) Hertha Vogelstein

18-32-17

28 February 1941

My dear Miss Vogelstein:

I deeply appreciate your letter of February twenty-first and I most certainly hope that if you are ever in or near Atlanta, I shall have the pleasure of meeting you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Hertha Vogelstein
Route 1, Box 147A
Carmel by the Sea
California

826 East 163 Street
Bronx
New York
December 5, 1941

12-35-1

Dear Dr. Dubois;

I have oftime read your column in the Star-News; have also observed your name ~~mentioned~~ in books by various authors. Such as J. Stoddards, "Rising Tide of Color"

I am 24 years of age ~~Black~~. reared and educated in New York City

on the screen. Because the dark shaded hue or color which I perfer to call "black" is a solid color unmixed ~~by~~ unaffected as many of us are by amalgomation. The very sad thing is, that the negros she generally comes in contact with do not appreciate such an attribute because they are filled with "white man" psycology ~~that~~ the darker a negro the more inferior

There are many other things I would like to point out. But time does not allow. However I would like you to do me a favor. This young lady that spoke of, rather wrote of will you after reading this

I had up to this time I was 17 years of age many white school chums.

Due to peculiar circumstances I have become very very race conscious I read and study sedulously. My hobby is Negro History.

In reference to that young lady who wrote you that letter which you reprinted in the Star-News December 4th issue, I would like to state that if she is as dark as she claims and possess the smile also mentioned she is undoubtedly lovelier that the average screen actress one sees

see that we get in touch
with ~~each other~~, because
I would like to speak with
here personally
Please excuse mistakes as I was in a hurry
Thank You. Very Truly Yours
James Waithe

5 March 1941

18-42-5

My dear Mr. Walden:

Here is a case that has come to my attention. What do you think can and ought to be done about it. I will let you know as soon as I hear again from Lee Bartlett.

Very sincerely yours,

(Dictated)

W. E. B. Du Bois

Attorney A. T. Walden
Herndon Building
Atlanta

5 March 1941

Memorandum to Mr. Walden:

Clifford Skipper of the Atlanta Waterworks, City Hall, has brought to my attention the case of Lee Barlett. Lee Bartlett is the son of S. Bartlett who is a colored man and has worked for Skipper for sometime. Lee Bartlett was induced to go to Ocala, Florida with a number of other colored boys with a promise for work on buildings at four dollar a day. When he got there he found the pay was one dollar sixty and part of this withheld for food. Moreover, the boys were not allowed to return. His father is sending a special delivery letter to get the boy away and as soon as he returns, Mr. Skipper will get in touch with me. He thinks this is a case that should be brought before the federal authorities.

(over)

W. E. B. Du Bois

Attorney A. T. Walden
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May 16th, 1941

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My dear Dr. Du Bois:

The expense in connection with our Boule Supper was $16.78(food, $11.78; service $5.00).

Mrs. Walden and I were glad to have you coupled with us. All present seemed to have enjoyed the occasion.

Yours truly,

A. T. Walden

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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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17 May 1941

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My dear Mr. Walden:

Enclosed is my check for $8.39 and thank you very much for your trouble. I think it went off very nicely.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Chicago, Illinois

September 23, 1941.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

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After speaking at the A. M. E. Annual Conference here last Friday, Dean Pickens had dinner with Mrs. Weaver and me, after which we took him to his train.

He suggested that since I had mentioned your name in the enclosures, I should send you a copy. I am pleased to do so. You will probably find them rather amusing, should you find the time to read them.

On Friday there came to me a reply from the national office - but, not an answer. It is a report of a committee and transmitted through the office of the Secretary. I regret that I shall have to write them again.

The following is the manner in which the reply closes:

> "On motion duly seconded, it was
> Voted, That the report of the committee be accepted as final action of the Board."

I wish that I could say that the enclosures represent my final action. Best wishes.

Yours very truly,

A. L. Weaver

Archie L. Weaver.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

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3655 Prairie Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

April 4, 1941.

Dear Member of the National Board
of Directors of the N.A.A.C.P.:

On August 16, 1940, I wrote the Board of Directors of the N.A.A.C.P. relative to Dean William Pickens, Director of Branches, a full page letter in which I said: "....can not some nationwide movement be initiated by the N.A.A.C.P. in honor of his 60th birthday plus his nomination for the 1941 Spingarn Medal? I hereby make such a request of the Board of Directors and nominate him for 1941 Spingarn Medal".

The letter above mentioned with enclosures including a biographical sketch was sent to each member of the Board. All of this, with special letters, were mailed by me to the chairman of the board Wright, President Spingarn, Treasurer Ovington, Secretary White and Director of Branches Pickens. As noted above, I nominated him for the Spingarn Medal and left the Board to answer the other half of the question as to the 60th birthday recognition. Not only would the Director of Branches have a well merited honor bestowed upon him, but this same letter added the real objective - "our work and cause would benefit through the action of our proposed objective". (The hopeful awarding of the Spingarn Medal to be the real honor for Mr. Pickens while his birthday was only to furnish the occasion to raise needed funds for the Association as was done in the precedent established in the case of the Secretary, Mr. Walter White, in 1939.)

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President and Acting Chairman of the Board Spingarn wrote me promptly under date of August 22 that, "I, unfortunately, cannot be present at the September meeting of the Board, but I have instructed the Secretary to place this matter on the agenda of that meeting". The Board met - I did not hear from the Board. I wrote the Secretary September 12 asking as to the action of the Board and soliciting the Secretary's reaction to my letter. The Secretary ignored my friendly gesture for his reaction (which was his right) and the Secretary did not follow the instructions of the President and Acting Chairman of the Board, or, did he? The Secretary answered my second letter under date of September 17 with the single statement that the Board was too busy with other matters so that my proposal regarding Mr. Pickens was not reached, but would be taken up at the first opportunity by the Board or Committee on Administration. As time was a real factor in my proposal, frankly, I became suspicious. In the same letter, however, the Secretary wrote a lengthy paragraph about the "tribute" to himself which I used as a precedent in writing to certain officers or members of the staff only. Which was no issue, but, a thing of the past in which Mr. Pickens had worked hard in planning and assisting to put over and to which I contributed by wire $4.41 with a perfect understanding of purpose. Still I solicited the reaction of the Secretary in my reply September 25 which was consistently ignored. My suspicion grew and finally I felt this suspicion was confirmed.

This was so stated in my letter October 11 to the Board in which I also asked (for myself and others working with me) "Does the association need funds?" "Does the Board believe that Dean Pickens deserves such proposed honor?" May we have your reaction? Not having received an acknowledgment or reply to my letter of October 11, I wrote a letter October 21 addressed to the Secretary.

On October 24 the Secretary wrote: "The Board referred to the Budget Committee your proposition regarding raising funds in connection with Mr. Pickens' sixtieth birthday. The matter of Mr. Pickens' eligibility for the Spingarn Medal was referred to the Spingarn Medal Award Committee". Thus I felt that sufficient influence has been brought to bear to fully confirm my suspicions and at least after ten weeks (since August 16) I received the information that the matter was finally referred to a Committee. Knowing that time was a factor, I wrote other letters. Dean Pickens' birthday was January 15, 1941, and until this date, April 4, 1941, I have not been informed of any action of the Committee or the Board. And so, after exactly thirty-three weeks or nearly eight months, I have no answer to my query to the National Board of Directors of the N.A.A.C.P. The lack of such courtesy I have never expected or experienced. Surely, some one is responsible for the Board's correspondence. Who is at fault, please? Will this question be answered? Will I get an answer to this question - even within a reasonable time and without asking it again and again? Is our National Office this far behind in all of its correspondence? Are we that much lacking in an efficient office force? I and others contributing to salaries of from $1,080.00 per annum (which is little in excess of half my salary) to $5,250.00 per annum (which is two and one-half times my salary) and can not get a letter in reply to one of eight months' standing? If so, may I respectfully direct the Board's attention to this matter?

Doubtlessly some bad influence has been at work - it was so very evident that I felt forced to warn against any outside influence (without mentioning any name or names) in a letter to Spingarn Medal Award Committee. And, could one always know, under such circumstances, that any and all matter addressed to that Committee reached it?

We must keep the association high - our conduct must be above suspicion. The National Secretary addressed a great audience in Chicago just prior to the Presidential Election in November. The Chicago Executive Committee endorsed Dean Pickens for the Spingarn Medal and the Branch unanimously concurred and likewise endorsed him. Immediately prior to the formal opening of that Executive Session, each member of the Committee present felt that the Secretary was making a good speech against certain national defense measures just before the National Election, when, finally, he said other things and read letters from the President and his Secretary and turned the address into a pro-Roosevelt political speech, and thus formal action of the Committee denied the Secretary's plea for the Branch to pay some part of his expenses - the official reason given that it cost $150.00 to promote the meeting and only $90.00 was contributed by the audience and hence the Branch had already lost $60.00. Personally I felt that the Secretary made a fine talk, but, again, I say our acts and words must be above suspicion and reproach.

I say, again, from August 16 to date we have had no information from the Board as to its final disposition of our proposal. On January 15, Dean Pickens was 60 years of age, he has been a continuous member of the association for 31 years (since its beginning) he has served 21 years as an officer.

We felt respectively sixty dollars, dimes or cents; thirty-one dollars, dimes or cents; twenty-one dollars, dimes or cents would have been contributed by Branches or individuals to the extent of at least two or three thousand dollars - this is a very conservative estimate.

I do not want to feel insulted at such treatment of being so ignored by t he Board because I showed interest. But I do feel hurt when I think of how I have fought and defended our association and its every officer, and spent 30 years in furthering its program so intensely that today I am suffering ill-health and ill-pocketbook due to over zealousness activities in the N.A. A.C.P. of which you know (see Crisis, March 1938 - Page 86). Now am I to understand that the association does not need funds? I am protesting. I have always paid promptly for all Xmas seals sent me from the National Office. One year I paid twice for the same seals because of a lack of proper records being kept in our National Office. Enclosed herewith find the 1940 Christmas seals sent to me. I am not returning these seals in the belief that the National Office does not need funds even though you have ignored me in my proposal to raise funds. I am returning them to emphasize my protest. To further emphasize this protest you will please remove my name from your future mailing list for seals and I will purchase such from the local branch.

Despite my warning it seems that the same bad influence found its very way into the Spingarn Medal Award Committee. And this in spite of ---"The specific terms set by Mr. Spingarn is not to be influenced by the N.A.A.C.P. Board or any of its officers". It would be well for the Staff, the Board and the Committee to read Mr. L.F. Coles' article on page fourteen of the February 15, 1941 issue of "The Afro American" published in Baltimore. Mr. Coles lives in New York. Please read it.

Mr. Coles disagrees with the committee and gives his reason. He favors Mr. Pickens and gives his reason. His suggestion to the Board is a good one. I understand that the secretary of the Association is also the secretary of the Award Committee - a Spingarn Medalist himself without vote this year".

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My personal opinion, as well as numerous other opinions which I have heard expressed is that "Native Son" contains about the limitation of filth and vulgarity to be placed on the public market. Minors should be prohibited from reading it. An insult to the Negro pulpit as well. It is probably good communistic propaganda and certainly a financial blessing to the author - not to the Negro or public. The Pittsburgh Courier (Chicago edition) February 1t, 1941, has a fine front page editorial on the matter captioned: "Dime A Dozen Awards". Other press comments are equally as humorous. I understand now, that the Award has given impetus to a screen production of the story. Personally, God forbid it.

There was a very fine active committee of the Association's devotees and hundreds of others joined me in an effort to do honor to the Director of Branches. Let us hope that such an act on our part has not and will not become a boomerang to the Dean in his aging years in having hiw work made harder by officially placing upon his shoulders more detail and more work in lack of appreciation for what he has done. May all evil and jealous influence be ignored by the Board when and wherever detected.

Whatever the reason or reasons for ignoring me and failing yet to give answer to aletter written to the Board of Directors last August - I am much concerned in the unselfish conduct of each member of our National Staff and that peace and avsooute harmony prevail between and among the members thereof. If this letter has indicated any possible lack of harmony, let the Board upon its own findings act toward making a true peace, a fellowship of harmony that can within itself make for success.

I have been honest in expressing myself. Hope I have not hurt or offended anyone. It is my sincere wish that I have not. I have only words of kindness and praise for all the staff with that same spirit behind those words. But let us keep harmony and not permit those of us who are working but not on the staff to suffer in the least because of jealousy or lack of harmony on the staff. For, if this should go on and spread, our whole organization would sooner or later be destroyed.

Very truly yours,

ARCHIE L. WEAVER.

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(ENC.)

3655 Prairie Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois,
August 16, 1941.

N.A.A.C.P. Board of Directors,
69 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Friends:

A copy of this letter is being sent to each individual member of the Board, at least those whose addresses I had when I began to correspond with you ayear ago relative to my desire to raise money for the Association by capitalizing on the fact of Mr. Pickens' 60th birthday. A copy also to Messrs. White and Pickens, as previously. I write this letter out of sheer "stubbornness", the stubbornness of a loyal member of the NAACP for thirty years, who now, since August 16, 1940, has written three letters to all the Board without being accorded the simple courtesy of an answer to any of them. I have written others on this same subject to the Board that were not mailed to Each individual member. I still insist upon an answer, because I cannot imagine the reason for the extraordinary discourtesy that has been shown to me. I make no plea of the fact that for many years I defended the National Office in the Chicago Branch when that office had few friends here indeed. That I did as a loyal member. But some evil influence seems to have been at work in the Office since I wrote the first letter, a year ago, simply suggesting that we use the birthday of Mr. Pickens as a good excuse to get some money for the Association, as we had done in the case of Mr. White's birthday some time before. Frankly I expected nothing but hearty cooperation from the office and the entire Board. Knowing Mr. Pickens' membership in the Association to be as old as the Association itself, and knowing that we out in the country have for him the greatest gratitude and respect for splendid service among us, I was shocked at this revelation. I know something about the jealousies of human beings, but I never before saw it act to the extent of seeming even unwilling to give courtesy to a long-time fellow worker simply because he made the "mistake" of suggesting something which he had no way of knowing would be "unpopular" in the office. I therefore insist upon respect, as a member of the Association.

I wish to beg the pardon of Dean Pickens for having to drag his name along in this effort, but I see no way to avoid referring to him since the thing began with my suggestion about him. I had read, as thousands of others had read, George Schuyler's high spirited article in the Courier about the 60th year of Dean Pickens, and it occurred to me, as to others, that here was an opportunity for the Association. I acted upon the thought. As Mr. Schuyler was an employee of the National Office, I felt sure of being on the right track. I also beg the indulgence of those members of the Board who have perhaps been under the impression that my communications were being answered by the National Office. That would be a natural assumption for most Board members who meet only occasionally with the executives of the office. I can now understand the hesitation of Mr. Pickens in answering our request to propose his birthday. He finally and courteously gave his consent, but without much enthusiasm, perhaps because he just hated to expose the office spirits by saying, "You will not get anywhere with such an effort".-- That is why I have resolved to try to call the attention of all other members of the Association to this queer thing.

I helped to organize the Chicago Branch and have maintained my active membership therein for over thirty years. One-third of this time - ten years - as Secretary and assiting the Secretary. Many of these years the only office of the Branch was my home which I freely gave with my telephone, typewriter, time, energy and money. This I kept up until I grew (by reason of my N.A.A.C.P. activities) poorer financially and lost my health. The Crisis was nice enough to speak of this on page 86, March 1938. The only medal the Chicago Branch ever awarded was given to me for "Distinguished Service" after twenty years from the year the Branch was chartered. I have given unstinted support to every program initiated by our National Office. I do not deserve, nor am I satisfied with, such discourtesy now on the part of our National Office. From my letter to you of April 4, 1941, I quote: "may all evil and jealous influences be ignored by the Board when and wherever detected. If this letter has indicated any possible lack of harmony, let the Board upon its own findings act toward making a true peace, a fellowship of harmony that can within itself make for success". Otherwise our organization will sink. I quote further from that letter: "we must keep the Association high - our conduct must be above suspicion". There is no good reason for the necessity of giving one-fifth of the space of the entire N.A.A.C.P. Bulletin of July to an effort to explain away a charge made against its Secretary. A further effort editorially in the August Crisis. Let us so conduct ourselves that no such charges can be made. Why is it necessary for me to have to write so many letters in an effort to elicit an answer to one a year old? Why did Dr. DuBois resign? Why does Dean Pickens take a leave of absence to serve his government when he has declined numerous offers before? An Editorial in the Cleveland Call and Post asks the question.

"Is Pickens being bought off or shooed off?" It wants to know why the "ace speaker" of the N.A.A.C.P. must be drafted from his duties as Field Secretary for a position with the U.S. Treasury. Others and I are wondering if he is on such leave out of choice or whether he is making the sacrifice of leaving the organization he loves so well, and given so much to, for what he believes under the conditions to be the best interest of the Association. Is he the hero? If he is worth a good salary to the government, surely to the N.A.A.C.P. he is worth much more than the small salary he received from the N.A.A.C.P. Our government can see and recognize merit, ability and intelligence and clinch a bargain. Why can't we? Let us not have more resignations about nonsense. I am pleased to note the good sense our government had in selecting Dickerson and Webster for the new Committee on Fair Employment and Practice. To accept the present call to Washington it was necessary for Dean Pickens to resign from the Selective Service Board in New York upon which he was serving. The A.N.P. was broad enough to note this fact in its release while the N.A.A.C.P. release failed to mention it. Does our National Staff need a little reprimand or does it need a little house cleaning. Things are so evident.

Some one should be responsible for the Board's correspondence. I am making no charges against any individual nor am I making any attempt to defend any one. I a stating facts as I see them. It is up to the Board to make its own investigation and act accordingly. I am merely standing on my own rights and insist upon the courtesy of an answer to my letter of a whole year's standing.

I did not expect a decision could be made so that an answer would be forthcoming by the next mail, but, even if an answer could not be made at once, a prompt acknowledgment of the receipt of my letter should have been made advising that an answer would follow, within a reasonable time. This has not been done. We should need no more Editorials from the Pittsburgh Courier or any other paper on "Selfish Leadership". There is glory enough for all. I am a part of the N.A.A.C.P. and I feel now that I have been sufficiently patient for an answer to a letter written a year ago. I have always defended a d spoke highly of our National Staff, why give me cause after thirty years to do otherwise?

With reference to my original letter of August 16, 1940 I quote two paragraphs from my letter to the Board of April 4, 1941. "On August 16, 1940, I wrote the Board of Directors of the N.A.A.C.P., relative to Dean William Pickens, Director of Branches, a full page letter in which I said: "...can not some nationwide movement be initiated by the N.A.A.C.P. in honor of his 60th birthday plus his nomination for the 1941 Spingarn Medal? I hereby make such a request of the Board of Directors and nominate him for the 1941 Spingarn Medal".

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I also asked in my letter of Oct. 11th - "Does the association need funds? Does the Board believe that Dean Pickens deserves such proposed honor?" I not only insist but will continue to insist upon an answer on general principles. Dean Pickens was sixty years old January 25, 1941.

My original purpose may have been defeated by some bad influence. Rather than see Dean Pickens in the limelight with a little well deserved honor, has that influence been successful in keeping thousands of dollars out of the Association's treasury?

A member of the Board of Directors informs me that Dean Pickens has paid or is about to pay a Life Membership in the N.A.A.C.P. We marvel at the patience of his loyalty, for this Board Member was a bit suspicious that somewhere in the Office there was a bit of reluctance at having the Dean to show that spirit. We wonder if the Dean knew of any reluctance to have him give his hard-earned money to the cause which he has always supported. Perhaps I should not feel so badly being rebuffed in an effort to raise money for the Association, if one of its most loyal life-time members found opposition to getting five hundred dollars out of his hands into the needy treasury of the

organization. Not only I, but also many others, will always marvel at his big mindedness. He has truly earned the Spingarn Medal.

On August 22nd - six days following my original letter of August 16, 1940 - President and Acting Chairman of the Board, Spingarn, promptly and courteously wrote me as follows: "My dear Captain Weaver: You letter of August 16 and its enclosures were forwarded to me. I, unfortunately, can not be present at the September meeting of the Board, but I have instructed the Secretary to place this matter on the agenda of that meeting." After more letters to our National Office, the Secretary wrote me September 17th that the Board was too busy to give my matter attention at the September meeting but the Board or Committee on Administration would take it up at the first opportunity. I continued my request for action (as time was a factor) and on October 24th the Secretary wrote me that my matter had been referred by the October meeting of the Board to the Budget Committee. Some influence maneuvered very cleverly as I have heard nothing more of the matter and the Dean's birthday was seven months ago. I complained of this action, or rather inaction, in my letter to the Board (a copy sent to each individual member thereof) of April 4, 1941, a copy of which is herewith enclosed for perusal. At the request of the Secretary my letter of April 4th was likewise referred to a committee. This seems to be a very effective way of killing a matter as I have heard nothing since. But, I am still here writing the Board with copies to each individual member, and, reluctantly to others. I am merely seeking, and will continue if necessary to seek, an answer to my letter of a year ago. All of our energies should be unitedly directed against our enemy and must not be spent quarreling among ourselves. May I have an answer with cause or causes of delay and dates, to my letter of August 16, 1940?

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Most sincerely and fraternally yours,

Archie L. Weaver

The following is postscripted for emphasis: References, citations and quotations herein are but very few, indicating, however, that the country is taking cognizance of a matter or matters that may, if continued, result in serious consequences to our beloved N.A.A.C.P.

P.S. I want to most respectfully stress my request that you answer fully each and all questions asked and suggested in each and all of my letters in question, especially my letters to the Board of August 16, 1940; October 11, 1940; April 4, 1941 and this letter of August 16, 1941. Will this letter be sent to a committee?

A. L. W.

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26 September 1941

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My dear Mr. Weaver:

Thank you for letting me see the document which you enclosed. I promised myself several years ago to make no comment on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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October 1, 1941.

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My dear Dr. DuBois:

Thanks for yours of Sept. 26th. I can well understand your position and think it is noble.

However, for your further amusement I am enclosing a copy of the answer to my correspondence of a year and also enclosed is my reply.

I shall also enjoy two more books as herein indicated.

Best wishes.

Yours as ever,

Archie L. Weaver.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

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Official Organ: The Crisis

September 16, 1941.

My dear Mr. Weaver:

At the instructions of the Board of Directors, I transmit to you herewith the following excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors, held on September 8:

"The chairman of the Committee, Dr. Ines, made the following report:

'First, regarding the charge that the Secretary and the Board have failed to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. William Pickens who for number of years has been the esteemed and honored Field Secretary, and has won distimetion not only in the N.A.A.C.P. but in many fields of civic and social endeavor:-

'The files that we have examined in the office of the N.A.A.C.P. show that this matter was duly considered and that we had supposed that the statement made through the Secretary to both Mr. Weaver and Mr. Pickens had set at rest any feeling that any discourtesy whatever was intended.

'The matter of this celebration was linked together with a financial plan modeled upon the financial plan with which the celebration of Mr. Walter White's 21 years of service with the Association had been carried out. The Finance Committee felt, after due deliberation, that it was not possible to work the 60th birthday plan with the financial returns that would be commensurate with the effort. The action of the Finance Committee which was approved by the Board was not formally reported to Mr. Weaver, but no discourtesy was intended.

'The decision adverse to Mr. Weaver's plan was made in the light of the unfortunate controversy which had arisen during the 1940 annual conference in Philadelphia. On that occasion, delegates from many branches openly expressed their resentment because of Mr. Pickens' active participation in the struggle between proponents of Houston and proponents of Los Angeles as the place for the 1941 conference. There also arose at the Philadelphia conference an unfortunate controversy between Mr. Pickens and the Youth section.

'Without attempting to pass judgement upon these controversies, it seemed to the Board that the months immediately following such incidents would be an unwise time for a fund-raising campaign in celebration of Mr. Pickens' birthday. Such an effort might well have led to further controversy and to embarrassing publicity such as would have defeated the purpose of such a campaign and such as would have been inconsistent with the spirit in which it would have been undertaken.

'Second, regarding the Spingarn Medal and its possible awarding to Mr. William Pickens:

'The name of Mr. William Pickens was submitted to the Spingarn Medal Committee and was balloted upon by them. So far as this committee and its in-

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vestigation does, there is no evidence that the Spingarn Medal Committee did otherwise in the case of Mr. Pickens' name or any other name than it had done in previous years---namely, to submit all names brought before it to a rigid and impartial inquiry, examination and balloting. Their decision is final and it is not influenced by any members of the Board or any members of the staff. Statements to the contrary may be made by well-meaning persons, but we cannot find that there is any ground for them.

'Third. The matter has been brought up concerning the United States Treasury position to which Mr. Pickens has been appointed, being given a leave-of-absence from our national staff in order that he might do so.

'In the letter of August 16, over the signature of Mr. Weaver, the inference is strongly made that Mr. Pickens might possibly be "bought off" or "shooed off". This is a very unfortunate insinuation and carries with it a sting which is not, to our minds, deserved at all. Neither the Board nor the Executive has tried either to have Mr. Pickens "bought off" or "shooed off". All the correspondence we have in the office shows that Mr. Pickens did very earnestly desire to take up this work of his own accord; that he felt that in the crisis of our national condition during the war, he could render better service both to the N.A.A.C.P. and to the nation at large by this position. It is true that the government position offers much more than we are able to pay Mr. Pickens here. That, we think, is not a relevant matter. If we were willing to release Mr. Pickens to do the work that he desired to do, it is certainly very strange that we should then be charged with trying to "kick him upstairs", to use a phrase of our own.

'The truth of the matter is that Mr. Pickens did appear before the Board and did desire very earnestly to take the position offered him by the United States Treasury Department. We believe he is rendering valuable service to the nation and he is on official leave of absence from our Association. We anticipate, in the normal course of events, that he will return to us.

'This matter is being presented to the Board at its September 8 meeting and if it is ratified by the Board, copies of it will be sent both to Mr. Weaver for his official answer and to Mr. Pickens out of courtesy.

'The committee wishes to state that its members hold Mr. Pickens in the highest esteem. We also hold Mr. Weaver in highest esteem. The records of both gentlemen have been too fine and too loyal to the Association to allow misunderstandings and recriminations to embitter and endanger our work. We see no reason for anyone feeling that either the Secretary or any members of the Board, or anyone connected with the N.A.A.C.P., should have been against them or voted against their legitimate claims to public honor, merit, approval or emolument. If there is anything wrong that the Board has done, it is not unwilling to make amends; but we cannot see that there is any further statement that is needed and we earnestly hope that this will be accepted as the final word in this matter and that we may work together loyally for the present and future welfare of our beloved Association.'

"On motion duly seconded, it was
VOTED, That the report of the Committee be accepted as final action of the Board."

Ever sincerely,

/s/ Walter White

Secretary

Mr. Archie L. Weaver

3655 Prairie Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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3655 Prairie Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

October 2, 1941

Board of Directors,
The N.A.A.C.P.,
69 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Deer Friends:

THANKS for your letter of September 16, 1941, stating the action of your meeting of September 8 which was transmitted to me by Secretary White. Following the order in which your letter is arranged, let me state: Dr. Imes was the chairman of the committee to report. Secretary White wrote me October 24, 1940, that my proposition was referred to the Budget Committee. President Spingarn answered my inquiry saying Mr. Douglas P. Falcomer is chairman of the Budget Committee. The committee of which Dr. Imes is chairman states that the Finance Committee felt it not possible to carry out my suggestion. Somewhat confusing, but at any rate the Board did act - THANKS.

18-40

1. In all my correspondence covering a whole year to get a reply as to your consideration of celebrating the 60th birthday of Dean Pickens for the purpose of raising funds for the NAACP, I made not a single charge against anyone or the Board. Sufficient to say that this fact is emphasized in the last paragraph of page 2 of my letter of August 16, 1941. Hence, I do not know to what you refer - "regarding the charge --" . Of course, I must agree that you did fail to celebrate his birthday.

2. If the "matter was duly considered" by the Board, why wait a whole year and again consider it to reply to my original letter? This delay of a whole year or rather thirteen months is the sole source of all my contention. I contended for a year for action and waited thirteen months for a reply. No one should falsify the records of the Association. Whatever your files may show - it should be most obvious to you that I would not contend and continue to contend for an answer if any kind of one had been tendered. Dean Pickens informed me that he had received no word from the Secretary. I am sure that I did not. I say to you positively I have received no such word or statement, by or through, the Secretary - orally or written. My thirty-three years as clerk and carrier with the U. S. Post Office Department dictates the most unlikely possibility of a letter failing in delivery if sent to two individuals in two directions - not one being delivered or returned to its sender. Directory service and the dead letter office both check on any possible error.

3. If you will refer to my letter, you will find that I plainly stated that I had no plan to offer but cited a precedent as in the case of Secretary White. Your letter states: "The Finance Committee felt, after due deliberation that it was not possible to work the 60th Birthday plan with the financial returns that would be commensurate with the effort." HAD JUST THIS ONE SIMPLE SINGLE STATEMENT BEEN GIVEN TO ME ONE YEAR AGO, IT WOULD HAVE FULLY AND COMPLETELY ANSWERED MY QUESTION AND ALL WOULD HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY CLOSED. Your decision was ALL I asked. I have never asked or contended for your REASONS. Such might have been impolite. Then, you add: "The action of the Finance Committee which was approved by the Board was not formerly reported to Mr. Weaver, but no discourtesy was intended." To this I agree. No word was given me and that is all I have contended. Now, won't you please give to me that "statement

made through the Secretary to both Mr. Weaver and Mr. Pickens" of which you speak? Please? (If I may suggest, we successfully celebrate the birthday of our nation's President with great financial returns, although, perhaps 40% - more or less - do not agree with him on all matters.

4. As to that portion of your letter which refers to the Spingarn Award Committee: I have no quarrel with you and have not asked for any defense of that Committee by the Board. While the Spingarn Medal Committee is comprised chiefly, if not entirely, of persons who are members of the Board of Directors of the NAACP, and, the Secretary of the Association is the Secretary of the Committee, I have only been led to believe that whatever influence that has been responsible for the discourtesy shown me in the thirteen months delay in writing might have exerted itself in the Award Committee.

5. As to Mr. Pickens and the U. S. Treasury and your reference to my letter of "August 16," (1940? or 1941?): I quoted directly from an editorial (and plainly so stated) in the Cleveland Call and Post. Again I refer you to page 2 of my letter of August 16, 1941. The editorial has influenced the thoughts of many individuals without doubt. I would suggest that you direct your reference to it to the Cleveland Call and Post. I assume no responsibility for it.

18-40

6. As stated by the Secretary, your letter to me is an "excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors, held on September 8:" The same is the committee's report. I want to thank the Committee for the very fine compliment paid me in its final paragraph. The report which was approved by the Board, further states in its final paragraph: "If there is anything wrong that the Board has done, it is not unwilling to make amends", etc. Keep this statement in mind, please, as you shall read further. Your letter continues: on motion duly seconded, it was VOTED, that the report of the Committee be accepted as final action of the Board." Now just on that ONE word "FINAL". Can you picture a lone, loyal and faithful dog in the yard justly whining for a whole year for just a little piece of food, and, after exactly thirteen months the family opens the door and throws it a bone and the door is instantly slammed closed in his face with "that is all you are going to get whether it satisfies or not - that is FINAL. No, my friends, a thing is never done until it is done right. FRIENDS never close a matter - it is always open if one ever discovers he has been wronged unjustly.

How many times has our Association justly protested to a Cabinet Officer or a Division Head and received a most unsatisfactory reply with the statement that "the matter is closed"? It is medicine that does not cure. I am not cured. The final statement in my letter to you, over my signature, of August 16, 1941, is as follows: "May I have an answer with cause or causes of delay and dates, to my letter of August 16, 1940?" Why, in your letter did you ignore this simple request (as well as other items but particularly this)? It is not probable, but possible, for a very important letter to be overlooked or mislaid. But, such was impossible in this case, as I wrote you several times to remind you - only to be ignored and ignored. To you the matter is closed - "FINAL". I have no power to force you and would not do so if I had such power. To me, however, the matter is still open, and will always stand open until my death, or, until you recognize the discourtesy shown me in this long delay and do what any one of a broad, serious, courteous mind would do - to explain the delay and apologize for it. Such explanation and apology, if ever given, will be acceptable ONLY if done by action of the Board and made a part of your minutes just as was done in the matter on September 8, 1941, AND sent to each member of the Board as previously done. A thing is done, ONLY when it is done

right. Now, if you feel that some explanation and apology is due me, there is nothing to prevent you from making such "amends" as you suggest.

7. Meantime, my love for humanity, including each and every member of the Board, and my loyalty and fealty for the Association shall never die. I have just ordered some books from the CRISIS (to me the greatest of all magazines published) and before your next meeting (when you should take action on this letter) my report will be in Mrs. Lampkins' hands here on Association memberships and CRISIS subscriptions and I will be on my way to a farm and woods in Michigan for several days of real rest - my health demands it; and henceforth, as ever before, using all my energies to further the program of our glorious Association, serving my God and helping to make a better world.

A copy of this letter will be mailed to each member of the Board, and, I hope that each of them who may feel the urge to express themselves will write the Board if unable to attend the meeting. I realize that only a small percentage of the membership find it possible to attend the meetings aside from those living in New York City. I want to thank most sincerely EACH of the several individual members of the Board who have written to me in the most kindly and sympathetic spirit in acknowledgement of copies of my letter sent to them during the year. Copies also, as previously, will go to Messrs. White and Pickens.

18-40?

Yours for a greater Association and a better World,

ARCHIE L. WEAVER

ALW/b

[ENCL.?]

October 1, 1941.

Dear Roy:

Enclosed find P. O. Money Order No. 243346 bearing this date to The CRISIS for Seven Dollars for which you will please send to me at your earliest convenience two books:

As advertised in the September (1941) Crisis -

"Dusk to Dawn" Autobigography of W. E. B. DuBois $3.50

"Black Folk" Then and Now (History of Negro Race)
By W. E. B. DuBois. $3.50

I find these two books are not in my library.

Thanks, Roy, for the two copies of "How the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Began." by Mary White Ovington.

Yes, I think the CRISIS is the greatest magazine published to day. I am mailing a letter tomorrow to the NAACP Board in which I am saying exactly the same thing.

Yours most sincerely,

Archie L. Weaver.

Mr. Roy Wilkins,
Editor The CRISIS,
69 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Fairhope Ala, 11/3/41

18-32-27

I am glad to see this fine pictureof Major Wright; but unless Mrs. Georgia Swift King has recently passed away, she is the OLDEST LIVING GRADUATE of Atlanta University.

Mrs. King was of theclass of 74

Cordially

E.H.Webster.

20 November 1941

18-32-28

My dear Mr. Webster:

You are quite right about Mrs. Georgia Swift King being the oldest living graduate. What we meant and what we ought to have said was that Wright was the oldest living person who had received a degree from Atlanta University.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Webster.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Edgar H. Webster
Atlanta Cottage
Fairhope, Alabama

9 May 1941

Regret for

10-31-46

My dear Miss Weiss:

I have nothing to do with the hiring of teachers here but I have sent your letter to President Clement with a recommendation. I should certainly be very glad to have you at Atlanta University.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Hilda Weiss
North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

18-22a

James Lesesne Wells, Jr.

February 6th 1911

18-22a

Mr. and Mrs. James Lesesne Wells

Social Memo

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois desires to present to James Lesesne Wells, Jr. the assurances of his distinguished consideration and to congratulate him upon his timely advent into a world which sorely needs him.

18-27

24 February 1941

Wellston Community Welfare Ass'n
Wellston Mo. St Louis County
March 23. 1941
6208 Wells ave.

18-23-1941

Prof. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta Georgia

Request to Sponsor

Our Dear Friend

Telegram sent 26 March 1941

The Wellston Community Welfare Association and Parent Teachers Association of Du Bois Elementry School are making final preparations for our second Annual Spring banquet which will be Mar. 28, 1941. Last year you so Kindly sent by request a picture of yourself which we had enlarged, and on the night of our first banquet was presented to the school by prof. Herman Dreer of Sumner High school St Louis. We take this means to thank you for granting our request, this year we would

appreciate it so much if you would send greetings to the school that we might be able to read it at the banquet on the night of the 28. We breathe a prayer for your health, happiness and future success.

Thanking you in advance for cooperation

We are truly Yours the, W. C. W. association.

Laurence Carroll - pres.

Mary Morgan - Sec.

18-23-141

New York. Jan. 28 1941

Dr W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois,

18-42-2

A friend of mine living in England was good enough to send me the enclosed clippings from the Manchester Guardian.

I recall that in your book "Black Folks then and Now" you gave a great deal of attention to the problems of African labor and the attitude of European labor unions towards native African workers.

In consideration of your interest in this subject as again manifested in your profound and masterful analysis of this whole

problem in the afore mentioned book, I am sending you this clipping for your files.

A civil war is now raging in the world between the forces of democracy and freedom - and the forces of totalitarianism and slavery. And the while defenders of "the democratic way of life" could enlist the support of the teeming millions of black folks, scattered all over the world, for the cause of democracy - provided these black folks were permitted to taste of its fruits.

This is the best and only guarantee that democracy can survive.

I wish you good health and continued success in your work.

Yours Truly,

Edward K. Welsh

40 Morningside Ave.

18-42-3

6 February 1941

My dear Mr. Welsh:

Thank you very much for the clippings and for your kind words. I am quoting your statement of the fight between democracy and slavery. With best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Edward K. Welsh
40 Morningside Avenue
New York City

18-22-138

13 March 1941

My dear Dr. Wesley:

I have just written the enclosed letter to our mutual friend, Dabney, of Cincinnati. The information contained therein was given me by Dr. Otelia Cromwell. Could you tell me when the last meeting of the Academy took place and what the membership was at the time? I agree with you that it ought to be revived.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles H. Wesley
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

March 19
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18-33-139

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I have received your letter and the enclosed letter to our friend, Dabney, of Cincinnati. I have been interested recently in the proposal to bring together Negro scholars in some type of organization for the purpose of mutual association, stimulation, contacts and possible publication. During a midnight and early morning session with Dabney, I expressed this idea. He, then, informed me that you had spoken about the reorganization of the Negro Historical Society and the American Negro Academy. I informed him that if you were planning on the reviving of the latter organization, I would not go through with my project. When Rayford Logan told me that he was going to Atlanta I asked him to discuss this matter with you.

I was not a member of the American Negro Academy and accordingly could not be interested directly in its reorganization. As I said above, I was interested in the assembly of Negro scholars. As I look at the list of members of the American Negro Academy the criteria of productive scholarship has not always been operative in the selection of membership. The constitution of this organization seemed to provide for an active membership roll of fifty. The last printed paper was issued in 1924. It was John W. Cromwell's Challenge of the Disfranchised. The back page lists fifty-two members, two who seem to be honorary ones.

The last meeting of the Society was held when Schomburg died, about two years ago. He was the last president. T. M. Dent was the secretary and Robert Pelham the corresponding secretary. The address of the latter is 153 "T" Street, N. W. Among the living members listed in the 1924 paper are: Walter H. Brooks, Ernest Just, L. M. Hershaw, Carter G. Woodson, George M. Lightfoot, Robert Pelham, A. L. Locke, L. Z. Johnson, Henry Slaughter, Robert Bagnall, W. P. Dabney, etc.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Wesley
Dean

CHW:vrc
cc; to W. P. Dabney.

Dear Du Bois: Received with a copy of my paper, read at A.H.A. Meeting, which you requested for "Phylon".

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May 28,1941

18-32-22

Request for appointment

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Inclosed is a copy of my May parish paper, the COUNTRY PARSON. Thought you might be interested to look it over.

Some time I hope to be able to drive by for a little conference with you. You will recall that I missed you there last summer when I was down from Ohio doing some research on peonage in Oglethorpe County. Since then I've located in a Georgia parish.

You may have noted that the Chicago grand jury has been holding recent hearing on the Oglethorpe County peonage situation. What will be done is uncertain, I suppose, as the defense attorney for the peonage victims and prosecutor of the peonage barons just wrote me that the U.S. Marshal from Georgia had refused to grant travel expense to witness from Georgia.

I should be happy to hear from you any time.

Cordially,

Donald L. West

Donald L. West

7 July 1941

18-37-23

My dear Mr. West:

I have been in Cuba during the last month and have just seen your letter of May 28. Thank you for a copy of your paper. If you are in Atlanta, I should be glad to see you at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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July 8,1941

Request for Appointment

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

18-37-24

My dear Mr. Du Bois:

Thank you in turn for your letter of the 7th. just received. It is possible that I shall be in Atlanta Friday of this week. If so I shall certainly make an effort to get in touch with you.

At this time I am particularly interested in getting together progressive minded people of Georgia, of both races, to help push along the eradication of peonage from our state. You know of course, that a recent federal grand jury in Chicago indicted two of the Oglethorpe County Georgia offendors. I was in Oglethorpe last week for a couple of days interviewing individuals on the great Sandy Cross farm of Cap'n Willie Cunningham. Most people over there are desperately afraid to talk of course. And, as Mr. Cunningham passes around the petition he is preparing for his trial, to have them sign saying he never has mistreated any one, most of them are afraid not to sign.

It will surely be a pleasure to see you again and have the opportunity to get your opinions and suggestions on these issues we are both concerned about.

Sincerely,

Donald L. West

Donald L. West, Pastor

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18-44-204

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1 February 1941

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I regret my inability to be in Atlanta next week. I am interested, of course, in being of service to you in connection with your plan to study the economic condition and future of the Negro in the United States. I shall be most happy to have you suggest a way in which I may be of service in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. DAVIS
President

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
Atlanta, Georgia

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17 February 1941

19-44-208

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am nominating Mr. T. E. Posey of the faculty of this college for the proposed Atlanta University Conference which is to be held April 17, 18, 19, 1941, as suggested in your letter of February 15th. You may correspond with Mr. Posey on the subject of said conference.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. DAVIS
President

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
Atlanta, Georgia

P. S. Mr. Posey is Head of the Department of Economics of this College.

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13-44-81 b22-209

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 4th. In reply please know that I am asking the members of the West Virginia Board of Control to approve travel of Mr. T. E. Posey of our Department of Economics, to attend the first Phylon Institute and 25th Atlanta University Conference, at Atlanta University April 17, 18 and 19. I sincerely hope that our Board will approve our requisition in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. DAVIS
President

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Box 356, Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

March 19, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I appreciate your kind invitation to participate in the Phylon Conference which is being held in Atlanta on April 17,18, and 19. I shall make every effort to be present.

I have made several studies dealing with the Economic Social and Political life of the Negro in West Virginia. One is a book entitled The Negro Citizen in West Virginia which deals with his political life.

Last year, I made a study on the employment of Negroes in West Virginia. For this, I made several tables and graphs which I could send or bring with me for exhibition purposes.

At the present time, I am making a study, in cooperation with District #17- United Mine Workers of America, on Local Labor Leadership. I am sending you a copy of one of the questionnaires. I plan to follow these questionnaires up with personal interviews with a representative sample of the group in order to get attitudes from the various local officers of the Union.

In West Virginia, the Negroes are very active in the Union Movement, and I am emphasizing the part that the Negro Local Labor Officers play in the development of the Movement.

If there is any specific information that you desire, please write me and I will be glad to send it.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Posey

Thomas E. Posey

TEP:AM

08-14-81

[ENC.]

Your name not required.

A BACKGROUND STUDY OF LOCAL LABOR LEADERSHIP

Sponsored by

Department of Economics

West Virginia State College

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The United Mine Workers — District 17

To the Local Officers:

This is a scientific study designed to improve the Labor movement in West Virginia. It has been approved by Mr. Van A. Bittner, Mr. William Blizzard, Mr. John B. Easton and other leaders interested in the welfare of Labor.

Please fill this questionnaire out at your earliest convenience and return it to the office of District 17, Union Mine Workers of America, Charleston, West Virginia.

Thomas E. Posey
Professor of Economics

(1) Present Age.... (2) Place of Birth .....
Town State (Country if foreign born)

(3) Check: Race....Native Born Citizenship: ....Citizen
....Foreign Born ....First Papers
....Negro ....Alien
....Other, Specify

(4) If foreign, state length of time in country.

(5) Check marital status: ....Single
....Married
....Widowed
....Divorced
....Separated

(6) Check number of children: None, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, over 10 ....

(7) Place of birth of Mother: .....
Town State (Country if foreign born)

Place of birth of Father: .....
Town State (Country if foreign born)

Father's trade or occupation: .....

EDUCATION

(check last grade completed)

(1) a. Grammar School b. High School c. College

.....1 5	.....1 3	.....1 3
.....2 6		
.....3 7	.....2 4	.....2 4
.....4 8		

d. If you have done any work above the college level, please state:

TRADE UNION EDUCATION

(1) Have you had any formal training, that is, special classes, speakers, written instructions, etc., in the following:

(1) Striking Activities; (2) organizing; (3) law of strikes and picketings; (4) public speaking; (5) rules for conducting a union meeting such as Roberts Rules of Order; others? .....

(2) By what agency was this training given? (check)

.....Workers Education School	
.....Night School	.....Radio
.....Summer School	.....Forum
.....Correspondence	.....Any Other
.....Extension Classes	

OCCUPATION

(1) How long have you been a Miner? .....

(2) What do you do? load coal, brake, motorman, or other? .....

(3) Circle the figure which is the amount you generally receive in cash each half after deductions have been made by the company for such things as rent, script, social security, etc.

$5, $10, $15, $20, $25, $30, $40, $45, $50, and over $50 .....

(4) Underscore: (Do you own, rent, or buying) a home?

(5) Do you have any other trade, occupation or profession? .....

a. If so, What? .....

LOCAL UNION

(1) When did you join the United Mine Workers Union? .....

Where? .....

(2) Check office you now hold in local union.

.....President	.....Financial Secretary
.....Vice-President	.....Treasurer
.....Secretary	.....Check Weighman
.....Recording Secretary	.....Member of Mine Committee

(3) Length of time you have held above office: circle less than one year, circle: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and over 10 years .....

(4) Approximate size of local in which you are an officer:

.....less than 50 members	300-349
.....50-99	.....350 499
.....100-149	499-500
.....150-199	500-600
.....200-249	600-1000
.....250-299	

(5) Would you like to devote your entire time to union activities? .....

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Check Church of which you are a member or the faith you prefer:

.....A. M. E.	.....Lutheran
.....Baptist	.....Methodist
.....Congregational	.....Non-Member
.....Christian Science	.....Presbyterian
.....Catholic	.....Any Other
.....Espiscopal	

Are you an officer in the Church? .....If so, what? .....

How long have you held this office? .....

(6) How many community organizations do you belong to? .....

(for example, lodge, missionary circle, parent teachers assocation, etc.)

a. .....none	d. .....three
b. .....one	e. .....four
c. .....two	f. .....five or more

(7) Name the organizations: .....

.....

(8) What offices do you hold in the organizations listed above? .....

(9) Have you ever been elected or appointed to a local, state or national political office? (ex. member of school board, house of delegates, national committeman. etc.) .....If so, what? .....

GENERAL INFORMATION

(10) Name the magazines you read regularly: .....

.....

(11) Name any of the books you have read dealing with unions .....

.....

(12) Check item below which represents the newspaper taken in your home.

.....no daily paper and no labor paper
.....no daily paper and one or more labor papers
.....daily, but no labor paper
.....daily, and one or more labor papers

(13) Name the labor papers taken: .....

.....

a. Do you listen regularly to current news topics over the radio? .....

(14) List the recreations you enjoy most .....

(15) Indicate by number, your first, second, and third preference of the following political parties:

.....Democratic	.....Progressive	.....Socialist
.....Republican	.....New Dealer	.....Any Other
.....Labor Party	.....Communist	

REMARKS

Make a statement on any or all of the following:

1. State some of the problems of a local labor officer.

2. How could your local union be improved?

3. What in your opinion are the outstanding things done by your Local Union?

OTHER REMARKS

West Virginia State College Press.

4 April 1941

18-411-81

My dear Mr. Posey:

I should be very glad to have the tables and grafts which you have made illustrating the employment of Negroes in West Virginia and also anything that you may have finished or an outline of your plan with regard to the Negro in the union movement of West Virginia. I have received the questionnaire which you kindly sent.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Thomas E. Posey
West Virginia State College
Institute, West Virginia

012-44-81

7 April 1941

My dear Mr. Davis:

I am very glad that Mr. T. E. Posey is going to attend our conference April 17, 18 and 19 and we have already exchanged letters. I write, however, to urge that you yourself be present at this conference. I want to see if we cannot initiate a large cooperative effort by which the trained minds of economic and social specialists among Negroes can be concentrated upon their intensive and long time study of Negro economic conditions and planning for the future. I hope to see grow out of this effort a strategic board of advice, able to put the latest and most scientific knowledge at the service of schools and movements who are striving for the economic survival of the Negro. We are in the midst of times as critical as any which the Negro has faced. In all this the war is a mere incident. Over similar situations in the past our present plight has one distinct advantage: we have the trained brains for leadership. But they must be put in harness and cooperation. The land-grant college, the private institutions and certain organizations can unite in this work.

I should like, however, to have you present when we meet to initiate this movement. I hope you can come.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President John W. Davis
West Virginia State College
Institute, West Virginia

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18-44-205

9 April 1941

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I appreciate your letter of April 7th. In reply please know that it will be impossible for me to attend your conference in Atlanta, Georgia on April 17, 18 and 19. Conferences in connection with our Semi-Centennial program will be in full blast on the dates mentioned.

I believe that our Mr. T. E. Posey will be present for your conference. Later, I shall have to talk with you about any significant part which I may be called upon to play in connection with your plans for improving the economic and social life of Negroes in America.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. DAVIS
President

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
Atlanta, Georgia

18-44-206

10 April 1941

My dear President Davis:

I am sending you a tentative program of our Institute. I very much want to put you on with President Atwood and Gandy and Patterson at the public meeting Friday night. I want on this occasion especially to emphasize the position and importance of the land-grant colleges in the study of economic conditions. I did not put your name down because you were not certain of coming. But will you not come and let me hear from you?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President John W. Davis
West Virginia State College
Institute, West Virginia

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Institute, West Virginia

14 April 1941

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have your letter of April 10th in which you urge me to be present for your important meeting which is scheduled for the coming week-end. A dozen matters which have to do with our semi-centennial celebration will prevent me from going to Atlanta.

The outline of the tentative program as presented by you is excellent. I am certain that the results which you have in mind will be forthcoming.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. DAVIS
President

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
Atlanta, Georgia

[West Virginia State College]

CHARLES WALKER THOMAS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE
INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA

Request to remove

November 17, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-31-10

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am taking the liberty to mail you, under separate cover, a copy of the first issue of The State College Quill, a newly-initiated journal of critical and imaginative writing, which, I believe, is one of the first of its kind in our system of Land-Grant colleges for Negroes.

As faculty sponsor of the publication, may I beg you, in the interest of ensuring the future of The Quill, to turn aside from the pressing concerns of your busy day long enough to read the journal, and to write us your criticism of the effort.

Please know that the staff and I would appreciate very much having your general estimate along with any suggestions for the improvement of a modest beginning. May we hear from you?

With the esteemed regard and best wishes of the college, as always,

Very sincerely yours,

Charles Walker Thomas

Adviser to The Quill

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE, W. VA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

19 November 1941

JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

My dear Dr. DuBois:

It was a great pleasure for me to see and hear you in Chicago last week. I was also gratified at the response with which your message was received by the Presidents of Negro Land-Grant Colleges. It was certainly challenging.

06-44-81

You will recall that I talked with you about coming to West Virginia State College. I am writing now to invite you formally to come here. If possible, we would want you to remain here at least two days for small group conferences with faculty people and others and for a general faculty session.

We are beginning now a drastic revision of the program of this college in terms of a more functional approach to the needs of our clientele. We desire to appraise rather carefully what has been going on in the field of the education of Negroes here, what is now going on and as far as we can, see what we need to do in connection with necessary steps in connection with education here. My associates and I are anxious to project the basic philosophy of your Chicago address into our current educational planning.

This means that we would like to have you come here as early as possible. When I know the dates which will be convenient to you, I shall then get an approval to pay you $100.00 to cover your expenses in coming to us. During your time here, Mrs. Davis and I will be delighted to have you as our house guest. Let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. DAVIS
President

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

21 November 1941

My dear President Davis:

I have your letter of November nineteenth. I am just taking a plane for Cuba where I am to attend a Platica in connection with the second annual intercultural conference of the nations of the Western continent. As soon as I return from there I will answer your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President John W. Davis
West Virginia State College
Institute, Virginia

16-44-81

1 December 1941

18-44-92

My dear President Davis:

I have just returned from Cuba and hasten to answer your letter of November 19. I am wondering if it would in any way be possible for you to use my services between December twentieth and January third. I presume that on account of the holidays this may not be convenient. If not, let me know immediately. If it is impossible to have me at that time I shall try to make a date with you early in the spring.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President John W. Davis
West Virginia State College
Institute, West Virginia

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JOHN W. DAVIS PRESIDENT

4 December 1941

Pictures

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am indebted to you for your letter of December 1st. I sincerely hope that you enjoyed the conference in Cuba.

18-44-83

It will not be convenient for us to have you here between December 20th and January 3rd. All of our people will be away from the college during this period. Naturally, we want you here when your presence and message will mean most to our student and faculty groups.

I hand you now a copy of a motion which was passed by the Executive Committee of this college on December 1, 1941. The same is self-explanatory. It is in keeping with conclusions which grew out of our semi-centennial celebration last year. It is also in line with the thought of your address as delivered in Chicago before the Presidents of Negro Land-Grant Colleges. You can easily understand, then, that I am anxious to have you come here at a time to influence the early thinking of the Chairmen of commissions to be appointed.

The spring season of 1942 would be too late for the purpose which I have in mind. I make now a suggestion for your consideration. Would it be possible for you to extend the coming Christmas holiday season so as to come here on January 5th and 6th? If this is possible, you would be able to leave here on the evening of January 6th, so as to arrive in Atlanta early in the evening of Wednesday, January 7th. This is

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JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

December 4, 1941 #2

a suggestion. I am not at all certain that it is feasible. Consider it and let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. DAVIS
President

18-44-81

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
Atlanta, Georgia

[Enc.]

Motion--

That commissions, composed of faculty, students and state-wide representation be appointed to study, implement and make more effective West Virginia State College as an institution maintained and supported by the State of West Virginia for the education and training of young men and women according to their past, present and future needs, as follows:

I A Commission on Agricultural Reorganization;

II A Commission on Home Economics Reorganization;

III A Commission on Trade and Technical Education Reorganization;

IV A Commission on Reorganization of all other vocational offerings of the college (Ex.: Music - Business Administration - Teacher Education, etc.);

V A Commission on the Reorganization of the Arts and Science work at the College;

VI A Commission on Student Personnel Service;

VII A Commission on Reorganization of the Administrative and Departmental Organization and Objectives of the College and its Public Service.

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ENCLOSURES

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9 December 1941

18-44-95

My dear President Davis:

I could come to Virginia State College January fifth and sixth. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you wish me then.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President John W. Davis
West Virginia State College
Institute, West Virginia

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

12 December 1941

Lectures 1942

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am happy to acknowledge receipt of your lettter of December 9th. In reply please know that we shall expect you here for January 5th and 6th, 1942. Your coming to us will be in keeping with suggestions which I made in a recent letter to you.

18-44-96

Wire me collect the time of your arrival so that I may have a car at the railroad station in Charleston, West Virginia to facilitate your travel to this college, if you plan to use the trains. If you are to travel via automobile, indicate for me the approximate time of your arrival here.

Should you come from the East, it will be quite all right for you to arrive here via the C. & O. Railroad at 9:50 on Monday morning, January 5th. If you are to come here from the West, that is Cincinnati, it probably will be better for you to arrive in Charleston, West Virginia at ten-twenty-five in the evening of January 4th.

Let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. DAVIS
President

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

17 December 1941

18-44-81

My dear Mr. Davis:

I shall come to Charleston from Washington by train so as to arrive at 9:50 Monday morning, January fifth. I should like to return to Washington so as to catch a train for Atlanta which will get me there Thursday morning, January eighth.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President John W. Davis
West Virginia State College
Institute, West Virginia

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

18 December 1941

JOHN W. DAVIS PRESIDENT

Lectures 1942

18-454

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Following instructions from President Davis, I am pleased to enclose for your information, copy of a form letter which was directed to each faculty and staff member of this college on December 16, 1941.

Sincerely yours,

M. B. Thomas, Sec'y
to the President

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[ENC.]

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

December 16,
1941

Lectures
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Dear Faculty & Staff Worker:

I am respectfully urging you to be present at 7:30 on the evening of January 5, 1942 in Room 104 of the Administration Building for a very special faculty and staff meeting. The special feature of the meeting will be an address by Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois of Atlanta, Georgia.

The address of Dr. Du Bois will contain background material necessary to any consideration which involves the reorganization of the curricula, instructional and organizational set-up of this college. I am respectfully urging that you plan definitely to be present to hear Dr. Du Bois' address and also participate in any discussion which may come from same.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. DAVIS
President

18-414

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

19 December 1941

JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Let me thank you for your letter of December 17th. In reply please know that I shall be glad to meet you at the C. & O. Station in Charleston, West Virginia at 9:50 on Monday morning, January 5th. We look forward to your coming with great pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. DAVIS
President

Lectures 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

12-44-88

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

INSTITUTE, W. VA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

29 December 1941

JOHN W. DAVIS PRESIDENT

Lectures 1942

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Permit me to thank you for your note of December 26th. Please know that a car will be at the station for you in Charleston, West Virginia when the C.& O. train arrives on Monday morning, January 5, 1942.

Your pullman reservation for the 10:25 train which will leave Charleston, West Virginia on January 6th for Washington, D. C. is lower 3 in car 25.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. DAVIS
President

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

66-44-81

Post Office Box #3102
Ancon, Canal Zone
June 9, 1941

Request for photograph

Dr. W. E. Burghardt DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I have been conducting a weekly column for the Colored Section of THE PANAMAAMERICAN, a local daily newspaper, for a number of years. A copy of my most recent column covering a review of your latest book, DUSK OF DAWN, is being attached for your perusal.

8-31-31

At present I have in mind making a photographic collection of at least twenty-four of the most outstanding Negroes whose activities are at present influencing Afro-American history. This collection I plan to donate as a personal gift to one of the Colored Schools on the Canal Zone.

I am of the confirmed opinion that one of the surest ways in which to correct text-book propaganda of white historians against the Negrorace is by displaying in class-rooms, pictures and biographical sketches of prominent Negro men and women who have made notable accomplishments. It is my belief that the picture of a man or woman who has achieved outstanding success in a particular field of endeavor is a distinct asset in a schoolroom. The display of such pictures is an important aspect of the Negro child's education but, unfortunately, it has never been treated with the importance it duly merits.

The reason for Negro history not being more widely accepted among our people is two-fold. First, the failure of our masses fully to appreciate the individuals whose efforts have been spun into the pattern that establishes the great traditions of the Negro race; second, the indifference of our celebrated individuals to associate themselves with many of the projects which would help to spread news of their accomplishments far afield and ensure their prominence among members of their own racial identity.

The deeds of our heroes and heroines grow in the memory of younger generations and in their imagination when love, worship and all that lies in the human heart is there to encourage it. Negroes have rendered an appreciable contribution to American history, as you have clearly pointed in several of your books, but this contribution has not been given the prominent featuring it deserves. It has constantly been played down by others and

not sufficiently played up by ourselves. Wherever our children are being trained they should have as the source of their inspiration first-hand information about the lives and characters of historic Negroes. This inspiration can be furnished in no more desirable manner than by means of a picture, attractively mounted, with its accompanying biographical sketch.

Of course, the collection which I contemplate would not approach completeness without a photograph of yourself. I assume that this project of mine will be favorably thought of by you, especially in view of your numerous connections with ideas for influencing a constructive program of education among Negroes and stimulating the study of Negro life. May I, therefore, solicit and obtain an autographed copy of a photograph from you, preferably 8" x 10" in size, as well as whatever data you have available covering the highlights of your illustrious career.

18-31-32

I shall be most grateful for your kind co-operation in this undertaking and ask that you overlook any encroachment which I have made upon your most valuable time.

Very truly yours

G. W. WESTERMAN

7 July 1941

18-31-33

My dear Mr. Westerman:

I am sending under separate cover a photograph in accordance with your request of June 9. I agree with you on the importance of the Negro race for our children. If a larger photograph than this is necessary, it may be obtained at a nominal price from Scurlock Studio who made the print I am sending. I thank you for your kind review of my book DUSK OF DAWN.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. G. W. Westerman
Post Office Box #3102
Ancon, Canal Zone

Post Office Box #3102
Ancon, Canal Zone
July 16, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Biography

13-25-42

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of July 7 with reference to my request of June 9, on the subject of outstanding Negroes in Afro-American life, as well as your photograph for inclusion in the collection which I am making.

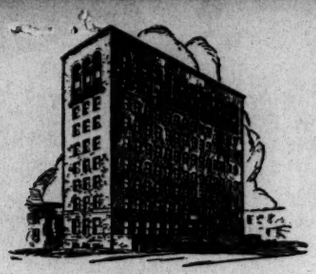
However, the biographical sketch which I expected would have accompanied your photograph has been, I presume, inadvertently omitted. Will you therefore favor me with such a sketch by next mail so as to complete my work.

Thanking you for the kind and prompt attention which you have given my request, I remain,

Yours very truly

G. W. WESTERMAN

Answered with biographical sketch 1 August 1941



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18-31

March 1941

Dear Friend:

Your generous gift reached us a few days ago. We, as a committee, are unable to express in words our gratitude for what you have done for the Negro women of this city. The Phillis Wheatley Association, as you know, is the only lighthouse, except for the churches, that the Negro can point to with pride and it is important that we maintain its high standards set up by the courageous group of mixed Trustees.

The way seems dark to reach our goal of $15,000, the amount due on the camp mortgage, and a word from you to your friends in our behalf will mean much to this cause. As you know the Negro has suffered more than any other group from unemployment.

Thank you for all that you have done and please find enclosed a receipt and membership card for your gift.

Sincerely yours,

Request for financial assistance

Paul W. Walter

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Jane E. Hunter

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THE PHILLIS WHEATLEY ASSOCIATION
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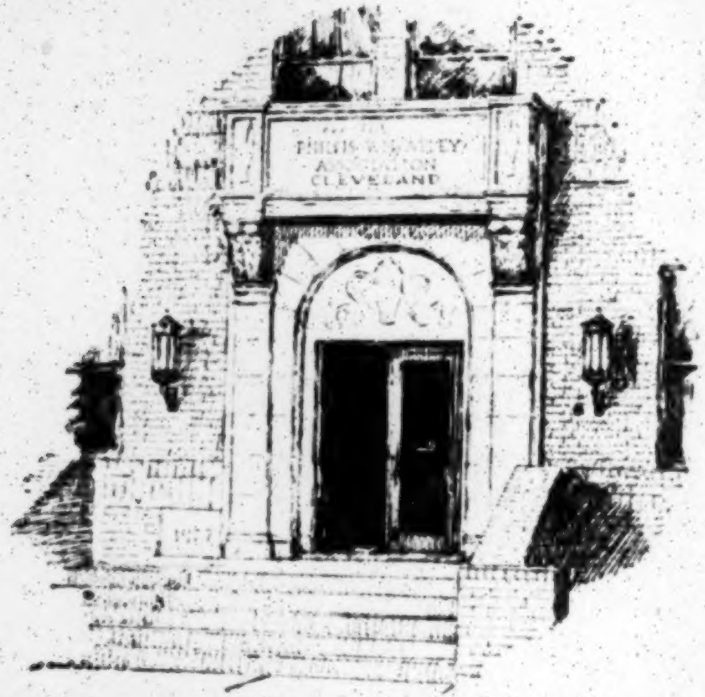

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April 16 1941

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10-31

[Nell White]

Spec Mss

4450 Cedar
Cleveland, Ohio
March 26-1941

Mrs Nell White

Dear Will-

Or should I say, my dear Dr. DuBois? Do not faint from surprise because of this note. I am really going to ask a personal favor of you.

18-22-48

Since September I have been Assistant Director of the Home Department of The Phillis Wheatley Asso. A membership drive is now being conducted, and each staff member is expected to bring in not less than 30 memberships. I want so much to have you give me one. I will be grateful for either one of those marked on enclosed card.

Well, how are you? In excellent health, I hope. Often think of you. Last Monday, at prayer service, Miss Hunter (Jane) reviewed your latest book. She prefaced her remarks by saying at one time she "hated Dr DuBois

because of his attacks on "her "beloved Dr. Washington"; but, after reading "Dusk at Dawn", she had "changed". To quote her exact words - "I now regard him as the best scholar of our race". So, you have converted the great Jane! Why not try to convert the "straight-laced" Nell by giving her a chance to read your wonderful book." (Smile)

I do enjoy very much my work here. The contact with the girls who stay here, is most pleasant.

Try to find time to write me soon as our drive closes next week. If you have to refuse, dont write me an impudent note - make the refusal a sweet pill.

I do hope your family is well, and that the new home is contributing to the comfort and happiness of all.

Sincerely
Nell

18-22-81

2 April 1941

12-22-50

My dear Nell:

Enclosed is my membership application although what I want membership for I am sure I do not know. I am glad, however, that you have some interesting work. Give my best regards to Miss Hunter. I am speaking in Cleveland, Sunday, April 27. I shall hope to see you.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nell Allen White
4450 Cedar
Cleveland, Ohio

[Mrs. Nell Allen White]

Social Menu

Will dear -

It was so sweet of you to send me the membership. I sent to Miss Hunter with the check, and your message. She was very much pleased with both, and said of the former, "Why that is grand - we must speak of it at the dinner tonight." I hastily said, please do not as it will be published anyway. Can you not hear me saying it?

I do hope to see you when you come to Cleveland. Will you take breakfast or dinner with me?

Sincerely

Nell.

April 23
1941

11-22-43

5 May 1941

18-22-44

My dear Nell:

I was so sorry I did not have time in Cleveland to call and see you but I had to leave the night of the lecture in order to make an appointment in Springfield, Illinois. It was good to see you and see you looking so well. I have just returned from the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary at Fisk. I stayed with the President and was most sumptiously entertained.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nell Allen White
4450 Cedar
Cleveland

359 auburn ave N.E.
Atlanta Georgia
April 29-41

Dr. Dubaise

Dear. Sir allow me to make an. appeal to you for a token of some kind a book. or your photo again? May 3rd. will be my Birth day. and all 7 my life I have known you was fine in every walk of life. havent called on you. for many reasons one the main one you are a Busy man Dr Good riche white the Dean of arts and Sciences at Emory college send me a Book. and. I told some I would like to have one of Dr. Dubaise Books. it would be a very fine one I have never. been tired of looking at your Photo how ever. if you have them on hand I would appreciate another one thanking you in advance for a consideration Will appreciate an answer at once.

From.

(Miss) Elizabeth Whitehead
359 auburn ave.

18-39-15

9 May 1941

18-39-16

My dear Madam:

I should be very glad to send you a copy of my latest book DUSK OF DAWN. The price is three dollars. You must remember that when a book is published by regular publishers the books belong to them and not to the author. The author has to buy all the copies which he gives away.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Elizabeth Whitehead
359 Auburn Avenue Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

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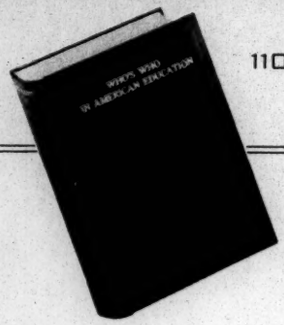

Du Bois - Biography

July 14, 1941

18-25-41

Dr. William Edward Burghardt Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for returning your biographical data for our tenth anniversary edition of WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN EDUCATION and for signing the order for a copy of the 1941-42 edition.

A printer's proof of your biographical sketch will be sent to you for corrections in September. If you have a change of address between now and this date please notify us.

Sincerely yours,

WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN EDUCATION, Inc.

Robert C. Cook

Robert C. Cook, Editor

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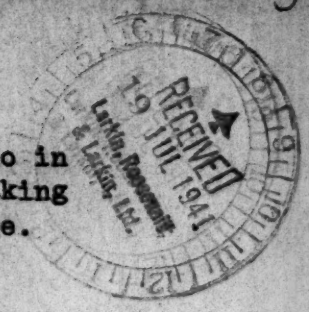

BIOGRAPHY for inclusion in "Who's Who in Georgia." Please read carefully -making corrections on the margin of the page.

PLEASE RETURN

19-7-42

DU BOIS, William Edward Burghardt, head, department of sociology, Atlanta University, b. Great Barrington, Mass., 23 Feb. 1868; s. Alfred Du Bois, barber, mcht., and Mary Sylvina(Burghardt)D.; ed. Great Barrington(Mass.) high sch.; A.B., Fisk Univ., 1888; A.B., Harvard Coll., 1890, A.M., 1891; Ph.D., 1895, Univ. Berlin, ~~1895;~~ 1895] LL.D.(hon.), Howard Univ., 1930; Litt.D.(hon.) Fisk., Univ., 1938; LL.D.(hon.), Atlanta Univ., 1938; L.H.D. (hon.), Wilberforce Univ., 1940; m. Nina Gomer of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1896; children-Burghardt(dec.), Iowa] Mrs. Yolande Williams. Prof., classics, Wilberforce Univ., 1894-96; asst. instr. sociology, Univ. Penna., 1896-97; prof., econs. and hist., Atlanta Univ., 1897-1910; ed., Crisis Mag., 1910-33; head dept. sociol., Atlanta Univ., 1933-; envoy extraordinary, minister plenipotentiary, to Liberia, 1923.; F.A.A.A.S. 1923] Author: Philadelphia Negro; Souls of Black Folk; Gift of Black Folk; Quest of the Silver Fleece; Dark Princess; The Negro; John Brown; Black Reconstruction; Black Folk:Then and Now; Dusk of Dawn; Darkwater; Atlanta Univ. Studies. Travel: Eur., As., Af., W.I., (extensive), around the world. Office: Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga. Home: 2302 Montebello Terrace, Baltimore, Md.

Signed

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY QUARTERLY
WILBERFORCE, OHIO

Editor: V. V. Oak

January 3, 1941

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I shall be very much interested in reading your Founder's Day address at Lincoln University with a view to publish it in the Quarterly. I hope you will give the Quarterly first choice as a personal favor. We send this magazine to all Negro public & college libraries, Negro college presidents & deans, & other educators interested in Negro education.

May I hear from you soon.

Wishing you a Happy New Year,

Yours Truly,

V V Oak

18-44-181

[WILBERFORCE UNIV]

6 January 1941

Dear President Walker:

I am sending you herewith twenty-five copies of my Wilberforce address. The wholesale price is $5.50.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President D. Ormonde Walker
Wilberforce University
Wilberforce, Ohio

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY QUARTERLY

WILBERFORCE, OHIO

Editor: V. V. Oak

January 27, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-39-45

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

May I have a copy of your address given at the Founders' Day celebration at Lincoln University as I would like to run it in full in the Quarterly? If you have already sent this to any other magazine please let me know. I read the summary of the address in the news releases and I likedit very much.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

With best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

V. V. Oak

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January 27, 1941

Dr. E. B.DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr.DuBois:

I am enclosing a check for Five Dollars ($5.50) for 25 copies of the Wilberforce address.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY

Geo. H. Valentine
Secretary-Treasurer.

Geo. H. Valentine
Barnes

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18-44

5 February 1941

18-39-46

My dear Mr. Oak:

I should be very glad to have you publish my Lincoln University address if the University does not object. Will you kindly write to

Mr. Armistead Price
Lincoln University
Jefferson City, Missouri

and ask the University's permission. If it is given, I will send you the manuscript from here. It has not been sent to any other magazine.

With best regards

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. V. V. Oak
Wilberforce University
Wilberforce, Ohio

10 February 1941

Dear Mr. Oak:

I have received a letter from Lincoln University, a copy of which is enclosed, together with my answer.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-40-1

Mr. V. V. Oak
Wilberforce University
Wilberforce, Ohio

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY QUARTERLY
WILBERFORCE, OHIO

Editor: V. V. Oak

February 25, 1941

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Just as we were about to go to the press, I received a copy of your address. If one of our editorial board members went thru it carefully & came to the conclusion that we should print it. We are pressed for space. May I therefore request you to let us print the address beginning page 7 & starting with the sentence "It is significant that the institution etc." No omissions will be made after that.

A footnote will read as follows: An address delivered at Lincoln University of Missouri on

19-44-81

Founders' Day January 12, 1914.

The first one-third portion of the address was devoted to the historical background of the institution and is omitted here for lack of space.

As soon as I hear from you I shall send the address to the press. I may add here that the omission of this part will help the reader who will be more interested in reading the latter part & the inclusion of the first part may end in his reading none.

I wish it was possible to make sub-heads or sub-topics as you did in your address printed in the Journal of Negro Education. If you are pressed for time we shall try to do this ourselves.

Yours Sincerely

V. V. Oak

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 25, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-27-92

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Upon my return from New Orleans, Louisiana, I found your letter on my desk.

I am entirely in accord with the study that you propose to make relative to the economic future of the American Negro. The times through which we are passing demand such a study and there is no one better able to direct it than the distinguished Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois.

In keeping with your request, therefore, I am appointing Milton S. J. Wright, Doctor of Philosophy, who has served as head of the Department of Economics at Wilberforce for the past nine years. Dr. Wright holds an Economic Conference at Wilberforce annually and he is thoroughly prepared to make the investigation in this section of the country. You may write him at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio.

If there is any way in which Wilberforce may cooperate to make this study a success, feel free to call upon me.

I wish for you continued health and happiness, and success in this new adventure upon which you have embarked.

Very sincerely yours,

D. Ormonde Walker

D. Ormonde Walker
President

DOW:LNM

27 February 1941

My dear Mr. Oak:

You can curtail my article beginning on page seven of the manuscript. I suggest the following sub-heads:

page 8, second paragraph THE STATE AND HIGHER TRAINING
" 9, last paragraph EDUCATION AND TAXATION
" 10, second paragraph STATE EDUCATION AND RACE
" 12, first paragraph SEGREGATED INSTITUTIONS
" 13, top NEGROES IN WHITE COLLEGES
" 14, top IDEALS FOR NEGRO COLLEGES
" 15, last paragraph THE NEW LINCOLN

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. V. V. Oak
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WILBERFORCE, OHIO
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 8, 1941

18-27-93

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Your letter of March 5 has been received. You may be assured that Wilberforce will be represented at the conference.

I am not sure that I will be able to attend. I will, however, be in Atlanta on March 13 and 14, and I shall be glad to have a few moments of your time to discuss the proposed economic planning for the Negroes. I am definitely of the opinion that it has tremendous potential value, and that all of us should be willing to furnish the necessary funds in order to insure the success of the enterprise. I have a definite suggestion to make on this point when I see you.

Very sincerely yours,

D. Ormonde Walker

D. Ormonde Walker
President

DOW:DWP

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DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
MILTON S. J. WRIGHT, HEAD

March 28, 1941

99-14-81

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of March 7. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I have been unable to reply before now.

I am at the present time engaged in a study of the economic development of the Negro in Ohio. The study has not reached the stage where I may be able to give out very many facts and figures. I may be able to make some small contribution to your conference with regard to the economic condition of Negroes in this state, however.

Plans are being made that I may attend your First Phylon Institute.

Very truly yours,

Milton S. J. Wright

211 West 138th Street
New York City
January 17, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

My dear Dr DuBois:

I am a graduate student at the School of Library Service of Columbia University and am now engaged in writing a Master's thesis which is projected to be "A study of national Negro organizations, with a bibliographical guide to their publications."

18-29-25

Thus, it was with particularly keen interest that I saw in the New York Age for January 18,1941, that you had recently presented at the series of forums on Negro Problems at Morehouse College "A Critical Analysis of National Negro Service Organizations." I know what a wealth of information and insight your study must contain, when one considers not only your truly distinguished career as a Negro leader, but your achievements as a scholar as well. Beyond question, your pioneer studies dealing with Negro organizations issued by the Atlanta University Publications still remain far and away the best in the field.

My problem seeks to provide a synthesis of specific information on national Negro organizations from their first appearance in the United States to the present time, with special emphasis on the publications issued by these bodies.

I am sure that the study I am now doing would be greatly enriched if you could deem it possible to allow me to make use of the materials of your recent speech. Naturally I would be only too happy to make full acknowledgments of all data used and would feel really honored to send you a copy of the thesis when completed, if you would allow me to do so.

I cannot tell you how much I would appreciate any cooperation, suggestions or advice you may be able to give me in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Williams

Dorothy Williams

5 February 1941

18-29-26

My dear Madam:

I regret to say that the analysis of National Service Organizations which I presented befor the forum at Morehouse College was delivered from notes and I am, therefore, unable to furnish you with the manuscript. I am sorry not to be able to help you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Dorothy Williams
211 West 138th Street
New York City

8 May 1941

18-32-29

My dear Du Bois:

I thank you for your letter. Since receiving it I have been travelling and lecturing in Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota and Tennessee. I hope you are having a good school term. I shall hope to see you in July. I have heard nothing about your allowance or the bicycle.

With much love,

Miss Du Bois Williams
154 West 131st Street
New York City

[Du Bois Williams]

18-32-30

15 July 1941

Du Bois Williams

My dear Du Bois:

The magazine is late so that I am not going to get home as soon as I had hoped but if you will be out in the front yard looking around somewhere between five and six on the afternoon of Thursday, July twenty-fourth, I think you will see me. At any rate, look hard!

My love to Grandmother, Mother and you.

18-22-81

30 September 1941

Dear Du Bois:

I am going to send you within a few days enlargements of the best of your photographs. I am very much concerned with your school life; your work on your studies; and your going and coming. I hope especially that you will not linger on the way home but come immediately because it is dangerous and your Grandmother worries. You must be careful and thoughtful of Grandmother. Also I want you to be careful about money; not to waste it; not to spend it foolishly. You must remember that we are not rich and your Mother and I have to work hard for the money that we have and you must help us save it.

I hope you will write and tell me about your work and your troubles.

Yours with love,

Miss Du Bois Williams
Baltimore, Maryland

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10 October 1941

Miss Du Bois Williams
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

GREETINGS AND LOVE TO DU BOIS ON HER NINTH BIRTHDAY.

W. E. B. Du Bois

charge to Walnut 0728

18-32-36

22 October 1941

My dear Du Bois:

I am sending you enlargements of the best of the pictures which you took. Some of them you will notice are blurred. You must be careful to hold your camera very still while snapping pictures or if possible rest it against something. I am sorry to hear that you are not behaving as well as you ought. Minding older people does sometime seem unreasonable but it is not and you will realize this as you come to see how much more they know of the world and of its pitfalls, pains and sorrow. Especia ly in school you have got to improve your deportment and I agree with your Mother that you can have no bicycle or other presents until you act much better.

You are old enough to realize how much we are depending upon you to uphold the honor and reputation of the family and the good name of our race. It is a big responsibility but you can do it if you will.

Yours with love,

Miss Du Bois Williams
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

10 January 1941

Dear Yolande:

I have not forgotten your outline. I will so that it gets to you before the end of next week. This week I have to speak at the seventy-fifth anniversary of Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
Baltimore, Maryland

13 February 1941

18-32-38

My dear Yolande:

How about the salary raise? Did you get it? How is the car working? and how expensive has it been in the matter of repairs this year? What will its re-sale value by this summer and what will a new car cost? We will have to begin to figure on this pretty soon.

By the way, the teachers at Oglethorpe were talking yesterday at the table about some sex problems among the children. It seems they discovered a rather nasty note from a little boy to the Towns grandchild and her answer. She is about ten and they think that a good deal of mischief has been going on with children running around without supervision. The Towns grandchild is especially fond of her mother but her mother, Grace, travels now and sees very little of her and the teachers think the child is lonesome and pining for affection. We must remember all this in the case of Du Bois.

When you have the ninth grade history outline, send it to me.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
Baltimore, Maryland

27 March 1941

My dear Yolande:

I am sending an addressed envelope. Please write down the following facts: is your salary at present $230 a month for ten months, that is, $2,300 a year? If this is true, out of this I presume you pay $103.50 on your pension leaving a net cash income of $2,196.50 for the year or $219.65 cash monthly for ten months or $183.04 monthly for twelve months. If the above figures are true just say so and if not, please correct them for me.

Then again, I think it will be wisest for you to get a new car. You might talk with the Ford and Plymouth agents and get the following facts: 1. what will it cost to deliver a new car in Baltimore? 2. what allowance will be made on the old car if turned in on or before September first? 3. what will be the cost of insurance: fire, theft and liability? 4. what payments will have to be made monthly after the turning in of the car: for twelve months, for fifteen months, for eighteen months and for twenty-four months? You can tell the agent that you are asking these facts for me and they need not bother you until you hear from me.

Answer this immediately.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
Baltimore, Maryland

Afro. 1100. 11— 8-38

Local Teacher Hurt in Sunday Auto Crash

BALTIMORE — Mrs. Yolande DuBois Williams, teacher at Dunbar High School, received a bruised left eye and narrowly escaped more serious injury early Sunday when the auto she was driving was in a head-on collision with another in front of the Museum of Art at Thirty-first and Charles Streets.

Mrs. Williams was enroute to her home in Morgan Park when the other car, coming in the opposite direction, operated by Warner Bryant, white, 19-year-old City College student of 6018 Barona Avenue, swerved directly into her path. Young Bryant admitted later that he had fallen asleep at the wheel.

All Taken to Hospital

Mrs. Williams, young Bryant, who received cuts and possible fractures of the ribs, and Miss Carolyn Todd, white, of 2650 Huntington Avenue, a passenger in his car, who received cuts of the scalp and knee bruises, all were treated at Union Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Williams was then taken to her home by the youth's father.

Both drivers were cited for a traffic court hearing on reckless driving charges, set for 3 p.m., November 29.

Due to the severity of her facial bruises, Mrs. Williams, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. B. DuBois, has placed herself under the care of Dr. I. Bradshaw Higgins and an X-ray of her face is expected to be taken at an early date.

MRS. YOLANDE D. WILLIAMS

[YOLANDE DUBOIS WILLIAMS]

19 April 1941

18-32

My dear Yolande:

I have meant to write to you again about a car. Figuring one a Plymouth I make the following calculation:

price of car	$879.00		
heater	21.45		
parking light	3.50		
		$903.95	
allowance on old car		325.00	
			$578.95

Now they are asking you to pay 24 x 32 or	$768.00
for this car. Subtracting the net cost of the car that makes	578.95
	189.05

Now will you please get hold of your salesman and ask him to break down that $189.05. I presume that the freight on the car is included in the cost. The interest on the unpaid balance of $578 for two years would be about 34.74
the insurance, I presume, is included and that would be about 45.00
that makes 79.74

Out of 189.05 this leaves 109.31. Now what is that for? If the freight charge is not included in the price that might account for $60 but there would still be $49.31 extra which could not be accounted for unless there are charges on the full original debt without any allowance for what you pay. You tell the agent that he is charging too much for that balance of $578.95; that I could easily make better terms with a bank. See what he says to that or if you want to, let him write me direct.

I am starting tnoght for Chicago and Minneapolis to speak at Northwestern, Macalester College, the University of Minnesota and four public forums. I shall be back her the last day of April but May first I am speaking at the 75th anniversary at Fisk. Sterling Brown and I will share an evening with talks on Negro literature.

I hope this will find you well. My love to the family,

8 May 1941

My dear Yolande:

I know how busy you are therefore I am enclosing a blank which you will please ask the Ford agent and the Plymouth agent to fill in. See that each one of these items is filled in.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
Baltimore

1. Price of car

2. Price of heater and defroster

3. Price of parking lights

4. Freight charge

5. Taxes

6. Insurance:
   fire and theft
   property damage
   liability

7. Allowance on old car

8. Monthly payments for twelve months in addition to old car

31 May 1941

Dear Yolande:

I sent the enclosed letter to your Plymouth man early this week but have had no answer. I shall be away from my desk until the twenty-first and if he answers by that time I will take up the matter with him. We have to be very careful and not let him put anything over on us. Say to your Mother that I am going to give Josephine Harreld a present of books from us both so that she need not bother.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
Baltimore

[YOLANDE DUBOIS WILLIAMS]

7 July 1941

My dear Yolande:

You have the letter of May 24 which I wrote to W. I. Brown of the D. S. & D. Motor Company representing the Plymouth people. When I came back from Cuba I found his letter of May 27, a copy of which I enclose. Please go to him immediately and tell him if there has been no change in these figures we are willing to close the deal, buy the car for twelve monthly payments of $54.44 a month amounting to $653.28. In addition to this we will pay cash for transfer tags, for the taxes amounting to $17.58 and for the insurance.

I am willing to do this if you agree to the following terms: you will pay me twenty-five dollars a month for two years and I shall have to fix this so that the payments will be compulsory. I will pay for the transfer of tags, the taxes, the recording fee and the insurance and will pay them $54.44 in addition to this each month for twelve months. Your complete payments of $25 a month for two years will amount to six hundred dollars. My complete payments including the items listed will be $708.21 estimating the insurance at $30.60. Of this, $108.21, will be my contribution toward the car. Now the question is can you figure out this $25 a month from your budget. If you can, go to the dealer and make arrangements on this basis and let me know what check I shall send you. The transaction better be made as of July fifteenth because in all probability by August first the new Federal tax bill will have been passed.

I shall be home by the twentieth depending upon when the magazine is printed; but let me know about this as soon as possible.

Yours with love,

25 September 1941

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My dear Yolande:

One thing I should like to have you do immediately and that is find out exactly about the health insurance offered you. Get in touch by telephone or note with the authorities and send me the information.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
Baltimore

30 September 1941

My dear Yolande:

Please send me the contract for the automobile. I am making the first paument but I want to see exactly how they financed it.

I hope when your first check comes you will remember three things as abolutely necessary:
1. $37 to the savings bank or the credit union as salary reserve for summer;
2. mortgage payment
3. the $50 to your Mother.

I hope you are well and not having too hard a job.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
Baltimore, Maryland

28 October 1941

Dear Yolande:

Please send me immediately the insurance policy or policies covering your car. I do not want your liability insurance but the policy covering the car. I am going to pay up the whole cost of the car although it will pretty nearly strip me of my savings but in that way I shall save a lot of interest. The insurance, however, must be rearranged so that I want the policy when I send in the check.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
Baltimore

20 November 1941

My dear Yolande:

Continuing our talk last evening: I think it decidedly better to have the Dodge company fix your car. They are the ones and the only ones who can fix it properly if they will. Of course, you have to take some chance that they will not do a proper job but in that case you can complain with just as good a chance of having them right the job as you would have of any private garage man. Mr. Hawkins is good-hearted and like everybody believes in his own mechanic but I do not believe that you can follow his advise in this case.

I am so glad you are better.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Y. Du Bois Williams
Baltimore

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April 8, 1941

18-44-175

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois, Editor-in-Chief
PHYLON
Box 356, Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. DuBois:

Superintendent Stouffer has referred your request of April 4 to me for reply.

I think the study to which you refer was a conference held in Wilmington several months ago regarding employment of negroes.

The most able reporter for your purposes would probably be Professor J. S. Gould, Professor of Economics, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware. I suggest that you submit your request to him.

Very truly yours

Zenas R. Clark

ZRC:AJ

Zenas R. Clark
Administrative Assistant

Request for information

905 West 35th Place
Los Angeles, California
September 10, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

As a graduate student in Religion for the Ph.D. Degree at the University of Southern California, I am interested in the following subject for my dissertation: The Role of Religion in Labor Organization in the South. That, of course, is a tentative statement and is subject to alteration as the study progresses. Being a native of Tennessee, this subject is of particular interest to me.

Shortly, I hope to be gin library research on the topic suggested above, with a view to returning south as soon as possible for actual field study. Hence, this letter to you requesting your help on a number of issues. You will be doing me a great service if you will take the time to answer the following in as much detail as possible. Be sure that your answers correspond to the questions.

1. Do you consider this a significant problem?

2. The present plan is to limit the investigation to the Delta Area--Mississippi, Arkansas, and West Tennessee. Is this a wise procedure or should it include Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, and the Carolinas?

3. Is there sufficient material to warrant the study?

4. Suggest the main problems as you see them.

5. Give the names and addresses of labor leaders and clergymen who might be able to help me.

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6. Also, the names and addresses of foundation or societies which would be interested in the study.

7. Suggest books, pamphlets, and reports which would be valuable.

8. What religious groups or denominations seem to be most active in aiding labor organization?

9. Do labor leaders, as a rule, have church affiliations?

10. If you were making this study, how would you go about it?

11. Since travel and field expenses will require several hundred dollars, do you know of any organization which would be willing to help finance the study in return for a copy of the dissertation? The problem of finance is the chief obstacle at the present time.

12. If you think this is not an adequate problem for a dissertation, suggest several subjects which unite religion with contemporary social issues.

You are quite busy, I am sure, and this is asking a great deal of you, but your answers to these questions will be invaluable to me. Feel perfectly free to add any material which you deem pertinent.

If this subject proves to be the final choice, I shall let you know from time to time as to the progress being made.

Sincerely yours,

James B. Wilson

James B. Wilson

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18-35-81

25 September 1941

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of September 10. I should like to help you if I could but I must say that I have not the time to answer carefully and thoroughly the twelve questions which you ask. I am sorry.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. James B. Wilson
905 West 35th Place
Los Angeles, California

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November 12, 1941

Request to Sponsor

Dr. William E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-31-23

Dear Dr. Dubois:

Since many people and many groups have changed their respective programs and policies radically during these last years, we are writing to assure you, who have so kindly been representing us on our National Advisory Council, that our principles remain the same in these days of crisis. Even though few may now listen, we feel that our work against war and for methods of peaceful change has been worthwhile and must continue in order to help to keep alive these ideals which will sooner or later prove the inevitable refuge of a mad world.

We have already sent the Members of our Advisory Council a brief statement of our program this year, in order that they may keep in closer touch with our activities. We shall be glad to send additional information to any of the Council Members who desire to have it.

We have also sent the resolutions passed at the January Board Meeting as indicative of the present sentiment of the National Board and of the membership.

May we hope that the ideals and present program outlined in these resolutions will meet with your approval, and that you will allow us to continue to use your name as a Member of the Advisory Council for the present year? If we do not hear from you to the contrary, we shall be happy to assume that you will serve.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Dorothy Medders Robinson

Dorothy Medders Robinson, President

[Women's International League for Peace and Freedom]

20 November 1941

8-3-24

My dear Madam:

Answering your letter of November 12, I beg to say that I shall be glad to have you continue to use my name as a member of your advisory council.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Dorothy M. Robinson
2645 Fifteenth Street
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Washington, D. C.

[Woodbine]

3 February 1941

W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

to

Woodbine Nurseries, Dr.

18-48

B

Balance due November 3, 1940	$140	
December planting	260	
Grubbing, planting and rolling, January ?	140	
		$540

Cr

December 5	25	
16	25	
February 3	25	
		75
		$465
Mch 1	25	
Apr 1	25	50
Bal due		415

1 March 1941

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is my monthly check of $25. Will you kindly let me know if anything has been done on the new lot?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Woodbine Nurseries
614 Highwood Drive
Baltimore, Maryland

16-5-140

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TELEPHONE, TUXEDO 3727

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BALTIMORE, MD.

614 HIGHWOOD DRIVE

March 3, 1941

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

18-42

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This will acknowledge receipt of your monthly check amounting to $25.00. Many thanks for same.

We have started work on the new lot and will carry through to completion within the near future, weather conditions permitting.

With kindest personal regards from Mr. Wolbert and myself

Cordially yours,

WOODBINE NURSERIES

By: W.A. Brunaugh

GSW:B

W.A. Brunaugh

3 April 1941

W. E. B. Du Bois

to

Woodbine Nurseries
614 Highwood Drive
Baltimore, Maryland

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Dr. $540.00

Cr.

December 5	25.00	
16	25.00	
February 3	25.00	
March 1	25.00	
April 1	25.00	
		125.00
		$415.00

May 1

25.-

30 April 1941

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed my monthly check in the amount of twenty-five dollars.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-42

Woodbine Nurseries
614 Highwood Drive
Baltimore, Maryland

3 May 1941

W. E. B. Du Bois

to

Woodbine Nurseries
614 Highwood Drive
Baltimore, Maryland

Dr.			$540.00
	Cr.		
December 5		25.00	
15		25.00	
February 3		25.00	
March 1		25.00	
April 1		25.00	
May 1		25.00	
			150.00
			$390.00

18-42

6 May 1941

Gentlemen:

18-42

Enclosed is the statement of my indebtedness to you which I believe is correct, if not, please let me know. This is as of May first. To this is to be added a charge for grading the triangle between the street and the hedge. Also we spoke of adding to the rose bed and planting a long bed of flowers. I wish you would consult with Mrs. Du Bois about this and start these flowers so that we can have them during the summer. There is a tall crimson flower with long brownish leaves that blossoms in the fall of which I am very fond but do not know the name. Is it zinna I mean? You and Mrs. Du Bois can probably decide on what should be in such a bed. Let me have an estimate for this work.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Woodbine Nurseries
614 Highwood Drive
Baltimore, Maryland

26 May 1941

I-47

My dear Mr. Brummer:

Enclosed is my monthly check for twenty-five dollars and the present status of the bill except I have not yet had word as to your charge for the extra landscaping between the lot and the road. Also I have not heard concerning the flower bed and Mrs. Du Bois tells me that the grass is not doing any too well. Please let me have a note from you. I shall be home in July.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Woodbine Nurseries
614 Highwood Drive
Baltimore, Maryland

[WOODBINE NURSERIES]

Statement of the account with the Woodbine Nurseries:
May, 1940 to July 1, 1941

Original contract for shrubbery May, 1940	$140.00	
Flagged walk and roses, July, 1940	35.00	
Gravel on driveway, August, 1940	50.00	
Lawn work, September, 1940	90.00	
December planting	260.00	
Grubbing, planting and rolling, January ?	140.00	
		$715.00

Cash paid:

June 1, 1940	$ 50.00	
June 28	25.00	
August 1	25.00	
August 29	25.00	
October 1	25.00	
November 1	25.00	
December 1	25.00	
December 16	25.00	
February 3	25.00	
March 1	25.00	
April 1	25.00	
May 1	25.00	
June 1	25.00	
July 1	25.00	
		375.00

Balance due $340

18-42

In addition to this there are charges

a. for sodding the border between the new lot and the street

b. planting a flower bed

18 July 1941

[c. JULY 1941]

W. E. B. Du Bois

to

Woodbine Nurseries
614 Highwood Drive
Baltimore, Maryland

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Dr. $540.00

Cr.

December 5	25.00	
16	25.00	
February 3	25.00	
March 1	25.00	
April 1	25.00	
May 1	25.00	
June 1	25.00	
		175.00
July 1	25.—	
		$365.00
		25
		340.

30 September 1941

Gentlemen: Attention: Mr. Brummer

18-42

Before making any further payments I should like to have a little clearer understanding as to just what I owe on work that has been finished and contracted for.

According to my understanding I have paid you $425. This covers the original contract for shrubbery made in May, 1940; for the flagged walk and roses July, 1940; the drive-way August, 1940; the lawn December, 1940; leaving $110 to be applied on the December planting, the work down in January and the sodding. Just what the charges are for this I do not know. A part of it has not been satisfactorily finished: the hedge, for instance, and the terrace in the front yard. Please let me have some exact figures and plans.

The grass is not in a satisfactory condition. I think that the south side of the front yard between the walk and the drive-way will have to be sodded and, of course, as I have said the terrace on the south side was not properly done. The hedge will have to be re-planted. At any rate please let me have some definite statement from you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Woodbine Nurseries
614 Highwood Drive
Baltimore, Maryland

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527 BENNINGHAUS ROAD

October 4, 1941

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois,
Box 356,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

18-412

Dear Dr. DuBois:

In reply to your letter of Sep't. 30th., last, I wish to advise that our delay in getting to your work has been the continued drought. We find it impossible to handle sod because of the lack of moisture in the ground and the digging of plants at the nurseries is out of the question.

As to the amount of your contract yet due, I will measure the quantity of sod laid and then will advise you. This sod has not been measured because we have thought that the condition of the seeded areas would prove unsatisfactory and that eventually those sparse areas would be sodded, and we would be able to bill you for the entire sod job. However we will measure up with in the next few days and contact you.

The terrace will be regraded and sodded. The plant replacements will be made just as soon as weather conditions permit. I have noted your request for fertilization and will see that this is done.

Thanking you for your letter and with kindest personal regards I remain,

Cordially yours,

Wm. A. Brunaugh

WAB/b

Wm. A. Brunaugh.

15 October 1941

My dear Mr. Brunaugh:

I have your letter of October 4, and I am enclosing my check for $25 which is the monthly payment due October 1. There is a lot of leaf-mould in the woods adjacent to our lots. I do not think the owners would have any objections if we use some of it on our grass. I have written to Mrs. Du Bois about it. Your proposed work on the yard is quite satisfactory to me.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-42

Mr. William A. Brunaugh
Woodbine Nurseries
527 Benninghaus Road
Baltimore, Maryland

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614 HIGHWOOD DRIVE

November 30, 1940

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

RE: Statement on work done
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland.

18-412

Dear Sir;

In response to your letter of November 27th., I submit the following statement:

A

Original Contract for shrubbery May, 1940--------	$140.00
Flagged walk and Roses, July, 1940----------	35.00
Gravel on driveway, August, 1940----------	50.00
Lawn work, September, 1940----------	90.00
	315.00

Credit:

C

By cash June 1st., 1940	$50.00	
June 28th.,	25.00	
August 1st.,	25.00	
August 29th.,	25.00	
October 1st.,	25.00	
November 1st.,	25.00	$175.00
Balance due		140.00

Dec 5 - $25
Dec 16 - 25
Jan 3 - 25

It is our intention to start work of planting as per proposals #2 & #3 Monday, December 2nd., which work will amount to the sum of $ 260.00.

Very truly yours,

WOODBINE NURSERIES

GSW:b

By Geo. S. Wolbert

Geo. S. Wolbert, Prop.

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September 19, 1941

Lectures

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

For the past two years The Service Guild of Woodlawn A. M. E. Church, the Rev. Mr. Archibald J. Carey, Jr., Minister, located at 65th Street and Evans Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, has sponsored monthly Forums for the purpose of discussing problems of special interest to our group. Some of the nations most prominent speakers of both races have appeared on our platform.

For the season 1941-42 we are attempting to bring many more outstanding speakers for this Forum and the committee has unanimously chosen you as one of these speakers. The dates for these Forums are listed below and if you contemplate being in Chicago on any of these dates, we would consider it an honor to have you address us.

OCT. 19, 1941
DEC. 21, "
JAN. 18, 1942
FEB. 15, "
MAR. 15, "
APR. 19, "
MAY 17, "
JUN. 21, "

Since time is our important item, we would keenly appreciate the courtesy you may show this invitation by letting us hear from you, and we trust favorably, at the earliest possible date.

Very sincerely yours,

THE SERVICE GUILD

C. Novella Trotter

(Miss) C. Novella Trotter,
Chrm., Program Committee.

CNT

23 September 1941

Dear Madam:

Dr. Du Bois wishes me to say he regrets he is not planning to lecture this year.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

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Miss C. Novella Trotter
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Lectures 1941

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

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Sincerely

Chas F. Weller
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Christian Science Monitor

NITOR, BOSTON, MONDAY, APRIL 28, 1941 —New England News—

Peace Center Rising Among Hills of N. H.

The World Fellowship of Chicago and New York has selected 388 acres of rolling New England countryside close to North Conway, N. H., for planting the seeds of a world government convention and an international peace movement.

Over the doorway of the old Draper homestead, hemmed in by New Hampshire hills, the Fellowship has nailed the slogan: "In times of war, prepare for peace," calling its world membership into conference there for a full summer of public discussions designed to achieve a concrete basis for the common brotherhood of nations.

The scene of the unique experiment of drawing together authors, educators, publishers and students for international discussions was picked for its sweeping outlook upon pasture lands, hillsides and two sizable bodies of water. The Fellowship believes it is easier to think in terms of peace in peaceful surroundings.

Having purchased the Draper estate and its several buildings aside from the main structure, the Fellowship hopes to lay the groundwork here for post-war reconstruction efforts. Accommodations will immediately provide for several hundred visitors planning to spend a day, a week or a month listening to lively talks or sitting in at panel discussions.

The estate also will be developed as an all-year-round center for persons interested in mapping the world's pathway out of war and hatred into permanent peace and prosperity. This involves the fostering of a definite program of rehabilitation after the present war is over.

Purchase of the Draper estate is the culmination of peace activities of more than 20 years standing by the Fellowship. After the last World War, a group of civic-minded people including some of the most prominent names of the times, decided that what the world does after a major war is most important in the prevention of the next war. Being young at the time, the organization was not strong enough to make itself felt in post-war reconstruction. But today, it plans to have a say in the establishment of a peace groundwork after the current conflict is ended.

All types of people are drawn together by its activities. English, Russian, Japanese, Italian, German, French and American will gather at the Draper estate on one of the few common ground meeting places left to them in this world of conflict, according to Charles F. Weller, President of the Fellowship.

Discussions will revolve around the pertinent subjects of the moment, including:

What shall the people of the world do to sponsor world communication via telegraph, wireless, radio, television, movies and publications?

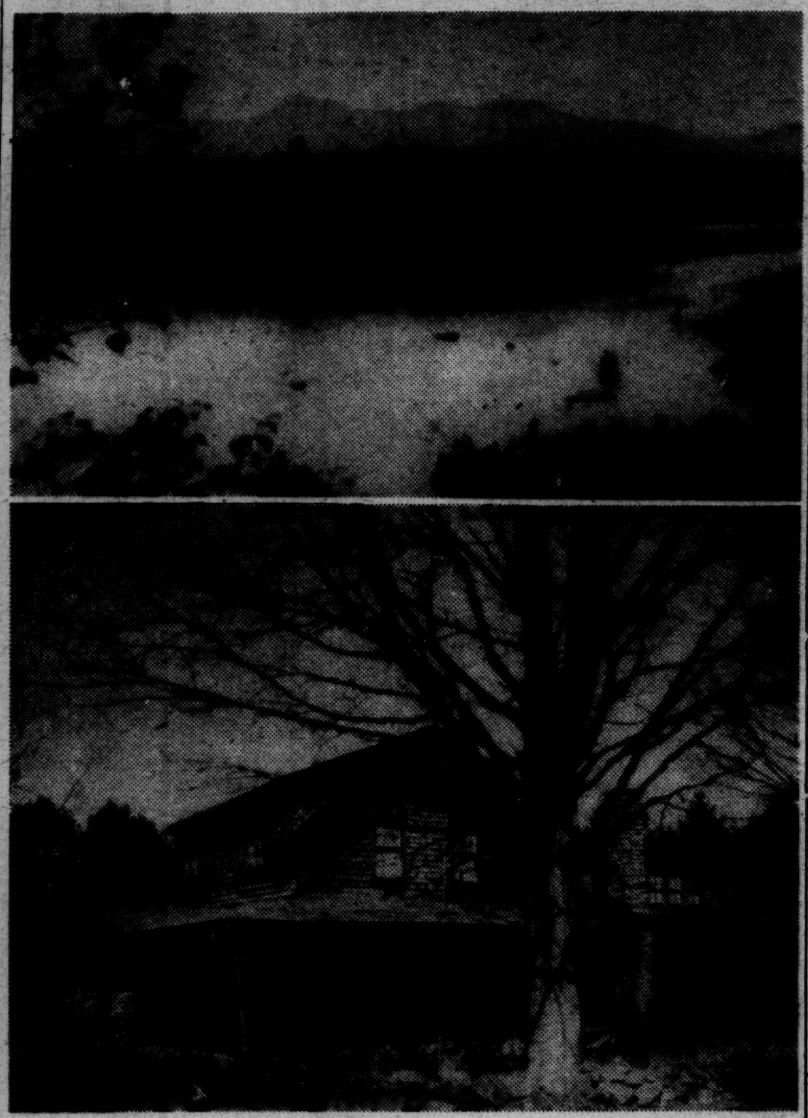
How shall the problems of food surpluses, famines, over-production, enforced idleness, unused productive power and insufficient purchasing power be tackled on an international plane?

What is the place of the world court, world administrative centers and international police in the world scene?

How can the world be made to focus its attention upon the effective growth of an international consciousness in which the interdependence of nations will be stressed and the relationships of all peoples harmonized?

The Draper esetate will be only an active center for the activities of the Fellowship which will send speakers out from the North Conway site for more than 200 talks in most of the large cities of the United States this year.

Peace Seeds to Be Sown Here



M. G. Harkness

Old Draper Estate and Outlook in North Conway, N. H.

World Fellowship has purchased this property as center for activities working toward post-war rehabilitation and future world peace.

Extension Post Filled at U. of N. H.

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

DURHAM, N. H.—Henry B. Stevens has been named Acting Director of the University of New Hampshire Extension Service, according to an announcement made by the University's President, Fred Engelhardt.

Mr. Stevens was named to the post by the Trustees to succeed the late John C. Kendall. Mr. Stevens has been active in the affairs of the Extension Service since 1918. He was first Executive Secretary with the Agricultural and Home Economics Service and since 1938 has served as Assistant Director of the General Extension Service. Samuel W. Hoitt, since 1935, Assistant State Leader for Four-H Club activities, has been named [illegible] Stevens' assistant and [illegible] Neville [illegible] ant in C[illegible]

12-23-11

9 July 1941

My dear Sir:

I regret to say that I will not be able to speak at Conway in August. I cannot afford the trip without remuneration.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles F. Weller
World Fellowship, Inc.
Conway, New Hampshire

CLARK COLLEGE
Atlanta, Georgia

18-41-33

March 24, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

Dear Doctor DuBois:

I wish to express thanks for your letter inquiring as to studies made concerning the economic conditions of Negroes in the state of Georgia.

Please be informed that a little more than five years ago, I directed two studies that were limited in scope - one was a study of the economic condition of Negro families in the immediate vicinity of Clark University, and the other was a study of Negro business enterprises in the city of Atlanta. The latter was made primarily as a source of information for a course in the Small Business Enterprise, which I am teaching at Clark University.

I am very happy to know that you are continuing the very valuable work which was undertaken by you many years ago at Atlanta University. These studies are among the most valuable sources of information on record concerning the Negro.

I am looking forward with considerable interest to attending the first Phylon Institute, April 17, 18, and 19.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. B. Wright

A. B. WRIGHT

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Mexico City, Mexico
July 27, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.,

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I decided to come down in old Mexico and make a few observations. I shall ride nearly 2000 miles viewing particularly Monterray and Mexico City. The hotels and service are splendid, and its people are exceedingly courteous. I propose to go from here to New Mexico, where I am going to try to find some source of the seven cities of Cibola, and any traditions or information of Estevanico.

18-29-10

I have had a very delightful trip all the way down. I attended the National Negro Bankers Association the early part of the month in Washington. Leaving there, I spent several days in Ohio at Wilberforce, alâo in St. Louis, and Kansas City, Missouri.

I had the opportunity to visit Boley, Oklahoma, where I made an address, and visited the bank and other Negro businesses. I also spent sometime with Bill McDonald in Forth Worth, who as you know is the richest Negro in Texas. On the whole, I am having a wonderful trip.

Very truly yours,

R. R. Wright

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will write you about article when I believe

[R. R. Wright, Sr.]

R. R. WRIGHT, SR., PRESIDENT

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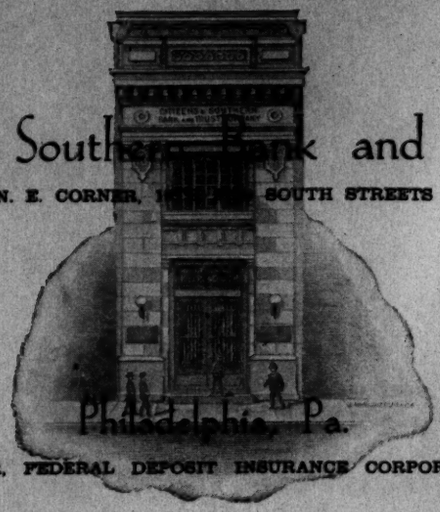

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September 3, 1941

18-29-9

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am back in the saddle again after having traveled 13000 miles without any accidents or mischance. I am feeling fine.

Of course, I saw the Zuni Indians and took moving pictures of them. I am enclosing one of the pictures. I took quite a number, together with about 600 feet of moving pictures of my trip, devoting some to the Zuni Indians.

Now with regard to the article. I read it very thoroughly, and I am very much pleased with the comment of Dr. Logan. It is true that I have additional authorities for additional information, but, perhaps, it would be better to let the article appear just as Dr. Logan has commented, and if, at some future time, the information which I have is of sufficient historical value to include it in your excellent periodical, I may be able to put it in proper shape. Now, however, stet.

I shall be glad to send you $35.00 for 100 copies of the issue when it is published, in order that it may go to some people that I think would appreciate it. Among them will be the librarians of the Library of the University of New Mexico, and also the Librarian of the State Library of New Mexico.

Thanking you for any suggestion or direction which you may be willing to give, I am

Very truly yours,

R. R. Wright, Sr.
President

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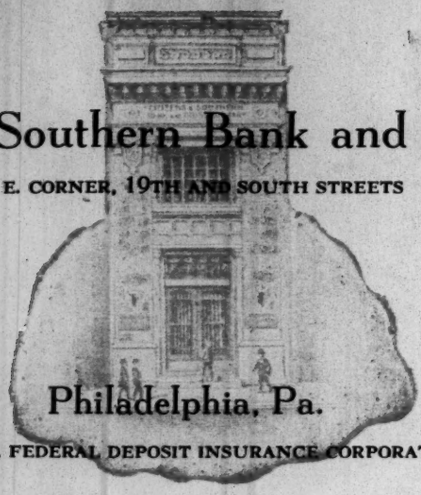

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October 31, 1941

18-29-14

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

What is the matter with your "Phylon"? We were expecting it on the 27th, but no sign of it has yet arrived.

Hope everything is all right. Don't forget to send me the extra copy whenever it comes out.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

R. R. Wright, Sr.
President

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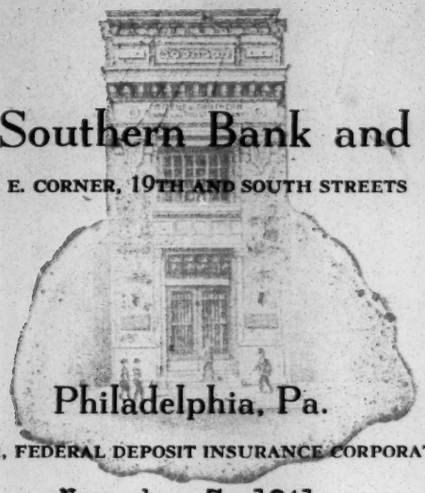

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November 7, 1941

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Sent 100 refunds and 100 envelopes 14 November 1941

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

12-29-11

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I received copies of the "Phylon" and am pleased with the lay-out. As I have stated before Mr. Logan was generous in his comments and I think that the whole lay-out will be beneficial. Won't you please have the copies which you send me placed in folders such as that in which you sent mine and I will direct them from here to the parties to whom I wish to send them? Upon receipt of these I shall be glad to send you a check.

I am going over the matter of your request with some friends who I think will be interested. I will let you know the results later.

Again wishing you health, happiness and continued prosperity, I am

Very truly yours,

R. R. Wright, Sr.
President

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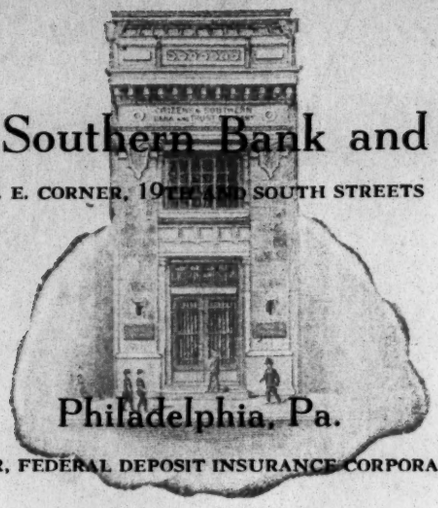

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November 18, 1941

18-29-12

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I received this morning copies of my article, but I wanted copies of the Phylon. I understood that you charge thirty-five cents per copy of the Phylon and the Phylon is what I wanted. Please let me know whether you can furnish me one hundred (100) copies of the Phylon. If you can not please let me know.

I did not order copies of my article, but copies of the Phylon which contained my article.

Very truly yours,

R R Wright

R. R. Wright, Sr.
President

RRW:gr

20 November 1941

My dear President Wright:

18-29-13

We are sending you today one hundred copies of PHYLON. Usually people order reprints of their articles and we misread your letter and thought that was what you wanted. The one hundred copies will cost thirty-five dollars as you understood. The one hundred reprints cost us $13.20. If you wish to retain them you can have them at that price. If you cannot use them, return them to us.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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P. O. BOX 5

Wilberforce, Ohio

January 10, 1941

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Will you have sent to me a copy of your new book, "Dusk of Dawn" with a bill for the same.

Very truly yours,

Bishop R.R. Wright, Jr.

RRW/hg

18-42

Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.
Wilberforce, Ohio

to

W. E. B. Du Bois

one copy DUSK OF DAWN $3.00

Paid 3 February 1941

XAVIER UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON AND PINE STREETS
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

March 27, 1941

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-22-73

Dear Mr. Du Bois:-

Acknowledgment of your letter has been delayed as Mother M. Agatha has been out of town.

However, I am pleased to be able to inform you that we have on our faculty a person whom I am sure would be glad to cooperate with you in the matter you mentioned. Therefore, if you would communicate with Mr. Alvin Jones, I am certain he will be glad to be of assistance to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Sister M. Madeleine Sophie

Sister M. Madeleine Sophie, Dean

[Xavier University]

4 April 1941

18-27-74

My dear Mr. Jones:

The Dean of your university has indicated that you will be interested in the first PHYLON INSTITUTE and Twenty-Fifth Atlanta University Conference which we are holding at Atlanta University, April 17, 18 and 19. Some forty Negro institutions of the South are going to be present and we are going to begin a systematic study of the economic condition and trends of the American Negro. We are hoping to lay out a long time plan of cooperation both for information and remedies.

We would be glad to have knowledge of any studies you have made touching the economic condition of Negroes in your state or elsewhere.

Board and lodging for the duration of the conference will be furnished free. Kindly let us hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Alvin Jones
Xavier University
New Orleans

XAVIER UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON AVE. AND PINE ST.
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

April 9, 1941

44-14-81

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you for your letter of April 4 regarding the first Phylon Institute and Twenty-Fifth Atlanta University Conference scheduled for April 17, 18, and 19.

The studies which I have made are too numerous to mention at this writing. However, you may note from the American Economic Review for March 1940 that I have recently completed two studies for the Carnegie Corporation dealing with the labor situation and gambling rackets in this area respectively.

I have the honor to inform you that I expect to attend the Conference as representative of Xavier University. I shall leave New Orleans the morning of April 17.

Very sincerely yours,

Alvin H. Jones

Alvin H. Jones
Department of Economics
Xavier University

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THE SOCIOLOGY CLUB
GRADUATE SCHOOL
YALE UNIVERSITY

October 13, 1941.

Professor W. E. Burghardt DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta - Georgia

Lecture 1942

Dear Professor DuBois:

18-39-48

After your morning panel last December twenty-seventh at the American Historical Association meetings, you were kind enough to do three things— the first two of them by your own admission contrary to precedent. You autographed a copy of your The Souls of Black Folk for a fellow graduate student— Hubert Ross, Wesleyan '39. You autographed my Dusk of Dawn, a Christmas present from my wife. And you agreed to make a side-trip to New Haven to address our club in the event that your schedule carried you North in the course of this school year. You expressed a preference for the second term.

Were my friend Mr. Ross not now in the Army (Co. D 10th Eng. Tr. Br., E.R.C., Ft. Belvoir, Virginia), he would, as a member of the Executive Committee of our club, be writing to you. He too was born in Boston. With the single exception of our Department Chairman, Professor Maurice R. Davie, he probably is better acquainted with your work than anyone at Yale. And for him your Crisis and then your Phylon have been more than periodicals and sociological data. I tell you this because I am going to ask you to make an extra carbon of your reply, if it will not be too much trouble, to send to him. I am sending him a copy of this letter. When he was last home on furlough, he said that he wanted to be informed of the date of your coming, so that he might attempt to be here.

Our habit is to meet with our guest speakers in closed and informal dinner session at six or thereafter; to gather on campus in open session at eight or therafter; and following the open meeting and its address to adjourn to more unacademic surroundings for refreshment. This routine can be amended to suit your convenience and tastes.

Because most of our graduate students find it the most available evening, we usually meet on Friday, but I am sure that they will be able to arrange their schedules as your plans suggest. The first term arrangements have been made for October 24th, November 7th and 21st, December 5th, and January 9th. Our Thanksgiving recess runs from November 26th through 28th; our Christmas recess from December 20th through January 5th. The Spring recess begins March 14th, ends the 30th; and the year ends June 10th.

Since we spoke of the matter in New York, I feel no hesitancy in repeating that our club treasury limits our expression of gratitude to speakers to defraying their travel expense and to providing for their entertainment while in New Haven; that we have been forced to consider New York and Boston to describe roughly the circle from which we may draw speakers. I remember that you remarked you would

be unable to assume any Northern engagements unless you were able to combine several for a trip; that such combined purpose trips were a habit with you.

Should you find it agreeable or desirable to stop over in New Haven, my wife and I would be honored to have you stay with us. This invitation is, of course, subject to any that may take precedence— from Professor Davie or others of your professional or personal friends in New Haven.

18-39-49

It would assist in publicizing and reporting your meeting with us if you were able to provide me some ten days in advance (or at least by the Wednesday of the week preceding your coming) with a copy of your address or a précis of your subject with several excerpted paragraphs. With two glossy print photographs, this would allow advance stories to be prepared by the University Press Bureau for mailing— a method that we have found to be more satisfactory than post-meeting reporting. This is, however, a matter of your convenience and preference. Both the University Press Bureau and the undergraduate campus Yale Daily News have been cooperative in the past.

I have taken the liberty to discuss with Miss Helen MacAfee, Managing Editor of The Yale Review, the question of her desiring to avail herself of the opportunity of presenting your address to the Editorial Board, should you generously consent to our putting it in her hands. I have not assumed that you would wish such treatment of your address to us, but in the event that you grant your permission, Miss MacAfee would like to be informed of your subject when you have determined upon it. The Review at present is making an effort to focus each issue upon a single topic or group of topics. I hope that I have not presumed in making these inquiries.

It is possible that you have yet to make your plans for trips to New York. We do not expect an immediate choice of dates, but would like to be kept informed as you are able so as to prevent a conflict in our schedule.

With hopes for your good health and anticipation of your coming to New Haven, I am

Respectfully yours,

Stanley H Chapman

President.

27 Harrison Street
New Haven
Connecticut

22 October 1961

18-39-52

My dear Mr. Chapman:

I have your kind letter of October 13. At present I have no specific plans for being in or near New York except possibly at Christmas time which would not be a good time for a visit to New Haven. However, I am going to try to see if I cannot make a trip sometime in the spring possibly between January 26 and February 3. I shall think this over and decide whether it is possible. You might meantime let me know the limit of your contribution toward travel expenses.

Please extend my greetings to Mr. Ross.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Stanley H. Chapman
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

THE SOCIOLOGY CLUB
GRADUATE SCHOOL
YALE UNIVERSITY

Lectures 1942

October 28, 1941.

Professor W. E. B. Du Bois
Box 356 - Atlanta University
Atlanta - Georgia

Dear Professor Du Bois:

Thank you for your good letter holding out hope to us that you may be able to come to New Haven. Thank you also for the carbon copy of your letter, which I have dispatched to Mr. Ross.

(You will be interested in part of Mr. Ross's last letter: "I think you made one error, however, for the Doctor was born in Great Barrington, I am sure." My apologies for honoring Boston at the expense of Great Barrington!)

You set January 26th and February 3rd as the probable limits of what Northern travel you may do this coming season. Tentatively I have set aside the Friday within that period— January 30th. This is not to request that date in particular, but merely to reserve it until we know your pleasure and convenience. Since we regularly meet on Fridays, we might otherwise fill it. Any other day will be available from our point of view. Wednesday would be a second best, but there again it is merely a matter of the night with the fewest regular appointments. As I said, I am sure that for your coming schedules for the week concerned could be reconciled with your choice.

18-39-51

If I may presume to make a suggestion and a query: Would you care to have me speak officially (as President) to Father John Henry Edwards, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and President of the local N.A.A.C.P. of your coming— with an eye to arranging a special meeting with them? We would prefer to have such a meeting after our own, for selfish reasons of attendance and news priority. The query: Would you care to have me ask Mr. Raymond Kennedy, who gives the Yale College course in American Society (racial components of the American population, with the consequent admustments and maladjustments), and Prof. Maurice R. Davie, Chairman of the Department of Sociology, who gave the American Society course its beginnings and impetus, and who gives a Graduate School seminar in American Race Relations— to ask them if they would care to avail themselves of your being in town to address their classes? This also, we would prefer to have follow our meeting, for the same selfish reasons. My purpose in putting the suggestion and the query is to scout all possible local sources of underwriting of your trip, as well as to afford you as fittingly many forums as possible.

We will undertake at present as a minimum contribution to your expenses the amount of first class (Pullman) accomodations from New York to New Haven and return, with New York connecting transportation. That would be little more than the coach rate, but we will certainly be able to take care of it. Later, we may be able to undertake more.

27 Harrison Street
New Haven - Connecticut

Respectfully yours,
Stanley H Chapman
President.

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MARCH 8, 1942 at 8:30 P.M.

Dr. W.E.Burghart Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta , Georgia

My dear Dr. Dubois:

The Household Guild of the Col. Young Memorial Foundation, Inc. is presenting the Children of the Desert Sun In Memoriam at Town Hall , Sunday, March 8, 1942 at 8:30 P.M. On this eventful occasion, we would like very much to have you give an address commensurate with the objective, if the fee you charge is within our reach. The address is suggested to be within thirty minutes.

The enclosed literature will give you an idea of our NATIONAL CENTENNIAL THRIFT PLAN(1863-1963). The editorial under the caption, "The Centennial" that is in the Household Guild Journal--we hope will invoke comment from you, this we shall keenly appreciate.

Yours for unstinted cooperation,

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THE CENTENNIAL (1863 - 1963)

By

A. MERRAL WILLIS

The span of life of the individual is short in comparison with the time it takes the group to achieve its objectives. We as individuals never live long enough to accomplish our aims in life. We start them. Others of our progeny carry them on and on.

The home where the progeny is reared plays a definite role in the destiny of the early life of the child. In short, the home is not only the unit of structure and the unit of function of our entire social order, but is the clearing house where the immortality of the race is carried on.

One hundred years, "THE CENTENNIAL (1863-1963)", is a very convenient unit to measure the historical happenings of a minority group freed from slavery in a semi-pagan civilization. Our great, great grand parents perhaps were American, British, Dutch or French slaves. They had aspirations just as you have to day. They had longings to read and write in order to express to the world what was in their souls; some were highly talented in the various fields of Art; others had commercial ambitions, professional and statemanship desires; whereas many were of the scientific mind and of the craftsman's leanings

A generation after the yoke of slavery was broken, their children were noted for their Christian piety, social vision, thrift and enterprise. As free men, they readily adjusted themselves to the social trends of the times. At the close of the 19th. Century, these children of former slave parents represented a galaxy of Negro leaders directing almost every type of business and profession under the canope of heaven. To day it is not so. Many have gone whoring after strange gods and are victimized by every 'ism' known in the category of rackets. Yet, there is a faithful remnant that has not bowed to Baal. This group is vitally concerned and deeply interested in the stewardship of the race which God will require of it after a Century of Freedom, 1863-1963.

This remnant has created a mid-road philosophy which generates an ideology that urges the Negro youth to aspire to the very acme of civic virture. The Credo of this group is that the very epitome of Negro Culture can only thrive and flourish by having its roots embedded in the soil of a well defined and a well planned mass policy with an objective of Ecomonic, Industrial, Political and Religious Entrenchment for the Masses.

The CENTENNIAL MASS THRIFT PLAN is not only directed by an efficient and an unimpeachable personnel of the Col. Young Memorial Foundation, Inc. but has a public appeal of its own traditional setting, which we can accept, follow and build upon. It has already been sanctioned by organizations and some of the most noted public spirited citizens of our nation. Roland Hayes, the world's noted tenor, and Grace Walker, internationally renowned monodramatist have endorsed this movement and have given benefits for its Centennial objectives. When we shall have taken a panaroma review of a Civilization that consists of a prolonged series of related events which culminate into standards of Culture, Comfort and Order as Centennial objectives of our mass ideology--then and not until then shall the Negro see the true light of day.

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The artistic temperament and affable disposition of these Jersey coast entertainers made a lasting impression upon Washington Irving and other writers of that period. Irving writes: "Communipaw is at present but a small village, pleasantly situated, among scenery on the beateous part of the Jersey shore which known in ancient legends by the name Pavonia, and commands a grand prospect of the superb bay of New York. It is within but half hour's sail of the latter place, provided you have a fair wind, and may be distinctly seen from the city. Nay, it is a well known fact, which I can testify from my own experience, that on a clear, still summer evening, you may hear, from the Battery of New York the obstreperous peals of broad mouth laughter of these Dutch Negroes at Cummunipaw, who like most other Negroes, are famous for their risible powers."

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Lois Jordan was born and reared in Elizabeth, New Jersey. The Jordan clan, from whom Lois springs, was the traditional musical element of this group that gave tone and color to the cold and bitter life of the struggling settlers.

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Her experience on the concert stage has been modest and varied. She was also a member of the Hall Johnson Chorus. Her brilliant voice exhibits an unusual blend of sweetness and power; her tone rings with emotional intensity. Is this the traditional voice that comes to us today refined, colorful, rich in tone quality and beauty of which Irving speaks?

Harlem Press Club.

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IV. The lynching of Negroes, Race Prejudices, Jim-Crowism and the exploitation of the masses are grave national sins that lieth at our Democratic door.

V. Shall we aid England in her bloody rapacious plunder and manipulated cast systems in Africa, Asia and the Isles of the sea? God Forbid!!!

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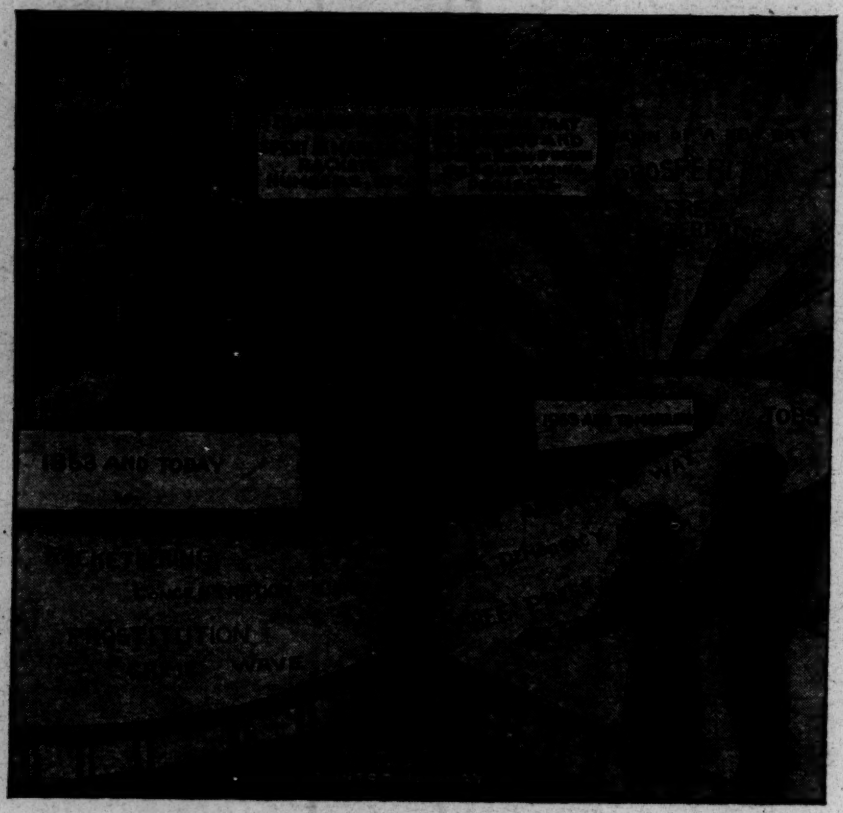

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18-23-24

20 November 1941

My dear Miss Baker:

I have your letter of November 5. I do not know anything about your organizations and whether or not I should be willing to speak for them. If I should find that I could, I may say that my charge for coming to New York and speaking March eighth would be two hundred dollars.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Edith E. Baker
27 East 133rd Street
New York City
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Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Clarksville, Tenn.
520 Franklin St.
Sept. I8, I94I

18-35-50

Dear Sir:

Our church is giving a Negro History program and I am desirous to know if you would kindly send me some of your booklets on Negroes in various fields. Thanking you in advance for this material.

Very truly yours,

Francis Young

18-35-51

25 September 1941

Request for information

My dear Sir:

I would advise you to write to
Mr. Carter G. Woodson
Journal of Negro History
1538 Ninth Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

who has a good deal of information at a nominal price.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Francis Young
520 Franklin Street
Clarksville, Tennessee

18-35-43

Swift Memorial College
Rogersville, Tenn.
October 7, 1941.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois;

Our class in Negro History has been assigned projects concerning different phases of negro life. I have chosen as my subject "The Negro in Prose During the Twentieth Century." As our library is very limited it is necessary that we secure our information

elsewhere. I would appreciate it very much if you could give me any information on this subject.

I am especially concerned with Negro literature in the early twentieth Century up to the present time. Any pamphlets, book reviews or any other information would be highly appreciated.

Thanking you very much for your kind consideration, I am.

Sincerely yours,
(Miss) Lauriel Young.

Request for information

23 October 1941

18-35-44

My dear Madam:

I am afraid that this answer to your letter of October 7 is much too late to be of any importance. You will find the best treatment of the Negro in prose during the twentieth century in Brawley's THE NEGRO GENIUS published by Dutton.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Louise Young
Swift Memorial College
Rogersville, Tennessee

2402 W. Thompson, St.
Philadelphia, Pa.
March 24, 1941.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology, Head
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-35-83

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I wrote you sometime ago concerning offering a few courses in Anthropology in your department. You stated at that time your department was considering the possibility of adding Anthropology. Therefore I would like to be considered for such a position for the coming school year. I hold the M.A. degree in Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania. Likewise I further work has been done toward the doctorate at the same institution.

From 1934-1936 I was assistant in the social sciences at W. Va. State College. For the past 2½ years I have served as an investigator for the Department of Public Assistance in this City. However at this time I desire to return to the teaching profession, but as you know there are very few Negro institutions that offer work in Anthropology. Therefore making it very difficult to obtain a teaching position in that field.

It will be possible to forward you my academic transcripts if you so desire. Likewise I can have references forwarded to you. Any suggestion or consideration you offer will be appreciated very much. Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
Ulysses Young.

18-25-84

27 March 1941

My dear Mr. Young:

I have no authority in the employment of new teachers. Sometimes I am consulted but not always. I, therefore, advise you to write directly to Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president of Atlanta University.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Ulysses Young
2402 West Thompson Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

[YMCA-Detroit]

12 February 1941

My dear Mr. Woodson:

I can speak for your Forum this year, Sunday, April twenty-seventh. Will you kindly let me know at your earliest convenience if this date is suitable. The same date is being asked for by Cleveland and Indianapolis but I owe you the first choice. The fee is as usual seventy-five dollars and I am enclosing a list of my lecture subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-23-52

Mr. W. C. Woodson
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12-23-58

February 17, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Thanks for your letter of February 12, and I regret to advise that our Sunday Forum Series continues through Easter Sunday. Our committee has always considered it unwise to go further so it will not be possible for us to present you on the April date.

Should you desire me to make contact with other groups here for your appearance on that date, I shall be happy to do so. The Forum Committee wishes that they may consider you as one of our regular speakers next year and will appreciate your advising them at your earliest convenience concerning available dates.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

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18-39-47

November 21, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Please advise at your very earliest convenience the available dates in your lecture tour next year. Unfortunately we could not get together on a mutually agreeable date last year and many of our patrons were disappointed.

Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience, and with seasonal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Woodson

WCW:m

W. C. Woodson,
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[YMCA - Indianapolis]

6 January 1941

98-44-81

My dear Mr. DeFrantz:

I have been waiting to see what kind of a date I could offer you. I have tried to cut out my February trip because of atrocious weather which I usually meet. If I find that I must come North in February I will let you know in time. Otherwise the only date that I can offer you will be in April when I go to the University of Minnesota. I am sorry not to be more definite as I should certainly like to speak in Indianapolis again.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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February 22, 1941

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88-44-81

Doctor W. E. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Thanks for your letter of confirmation, and we are suggesting that you use the subject "Economic Plight of the American Negro." We think that that is certainly timely just now, and we know you will do a good job.

The book "Dusk of Dawn" we will order through you now (10 copies @ $ 2.50) which we will pay and at the meeting we will take orders for any others that may desire to purchase them.

We will look forward to your coming with a great deal of interest and happy expectations.

Sincerely yours,

F. E. DeFrantz

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F. E. DeFrantz

5 March 1941

Lecture Jamboree

18-23-1

My dear Mr. De Frantz:

Expect me at the Y about noon Sunday. I shall leave at midnight.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. F. E. De Frantz
450 Senate Avenue
Indianapolis

13 March 1941

68-44-81

My dear Mr. De Frantz:

Thank you so much for the splendid audience and entertainment which you gave me in Indianapolis. I greatly enjoyed the opportunity. Also please express to Mrs. De Frantz my appreciation of her lemon pie.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. F. E. De Frantz
450 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

12 February 1941

18-23-62

My dear Madam:

Dr. Du Bois wrote you November 18 concerning a lecture in Duluth. He could speak in Duluth, Thursday, April twenty-fourth or Saturday, April twenty-sixth. The charge would be seventy-five dollars out of which he would pay his own expenses. We should be glad to know if you could use his services. I am again enclosing a copy of his subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Edward Nichols
YWCA
202 West Second Street
Duluth, Minnesota

[Y.W.C.A - DULUTH]

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

202 WEST SECOND STREET
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18-23-63

Feb. 26th 1941

Lectures January

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Box 356
Atlanta University
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have received the reminder from your secretary. I am very sorry if I inconvenienced you by not making myself clear. I thought that I said, sadly as we needed & wanted you to speak in our community, we could only have you on a commission basis. Receiving your letter stating that you could not come on that basis, we considered the matter closed.

I have tried to contact another group but have had no favorable response. We wish very much that it could have been arranged. We are passing the word along however, that you are speaking in Minneapolis.

Sincerely
Dorothea F. Nichols
(Mrs Edward Nichols)

[YWCA - St. Paul]

18-12-82

12 February 1941

My dear Madam:

I had some correspondence with you in December concerning lectures this spring when Dr. Du Bois is in Minnesota. He has the following lectures now scheduled:

Tuesday morning, April 22, Macalester College
Thursday morning, April 24, University of Minnesota

This leaves four possible afternoon or evening dates: April 22, 23, 24 and 25. If you can use him on any of these dates, will you kindly let me know as soon as possible. I am enclosing again a schedule of his lecture subjects. His fee is seventy-five dollars for one lecture or fifty dollars each for two or more.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Miss Alice R. Reynolds
YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
128 West Fifth Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota

New York City, N. Y.,
December 9th 1941.

My dear Dr. DuBois:-

40-52-6

Your column in the "Amsterdam Star-News" of December 6th, was profoundly disapointing. It made me sad and a bit angry too, that one of our leaders could give such an inadequate answer to that doleful letter from that completely confused young black woman.

You are a leader Dr. DuBois. You must be, for you have told us yourself, that you have "flown above land and water to carry greetings from North America to all the Americas" You have also told us that, "It is significant that in the future relations of the countries of the American continent the Negroes of the United States are going to take their rightful part" Aren't you being optimistic, Dr. DuBois?

You are certainly optimistic if you think that any comfort can be gleaned from the black ghosts of Nefertari and Patti. Nefertari was not a Queen because of her blackness. Mrs. Bethune may be what she is because of her blackness, of that I cannot be sure. Neither am I certain of the value of Mrs. Bethune's work. It is debatable whether it is the best thing or not to inoculate young girls with the idea that their role in this world is that of a menial and to perfect them for that role. Correct me if I'm wrong. Possibly I'm predjudiced. I am certainly suspicious of the value of any Negro whose work is also acclaimed by whites. There would be no Hurrahs, if the jobs they were learning, would compete with the whites!

Why didn't you analyze the girl's letter Dr. DuBois? If you had taken the trouble, it would have helped her and also the other readers of your column. Such a plan for blacks living in a world dominated by whites, is a workable plan, isn't there?

Why didn't you tell that girl to start working on herself first of all. It was obvious from her letter that she is suffering from a terrific inferiority-complex. She is terrified of the word black! She calls herself dark-skinned throughout the letter. She is not alone with that ridiculous fear. Many of our very best people shy away from that awful word BLACK. Their behavior is understandable, and forgivable, for there has certainly been, through the ages, a terrific and adverse propaganda directed against that word BLACK, whenever it was found to be useful. They do say, that in that good book, The Bible, which, by the way, has befuddled too many people, has a line describing the Queen of Sheba, as black, BUT, comely. There is also that feble about Ham, being cursed with blackness. Black night, black hearted, black-guard, the Devil is black. While on the other

hand, God, must be white, if he wasn't Christianity, whatever that is, would certainly take a nose-dive. White is right, white is clean and pure, white are the angels, whatever they are, white are our story book heroes and heroines, white are our great historical figures, mythical or otherwise, in the text books from which they teach our children in the Public Schools. White is beautiful and black is ugly. That is what is thrown at us from every angle. Small wonder that the girl finds predjucide among Negroes! They are as vulnerable to propaganda as any one else.

Is there an antidote for this poison? There certainly is. You should have told that girl, to go to the library and get some books on anthropology. Study them well. She will find there, that there is no fundamentel difference between men, be they white, black, purple or green. That an abundance of pigmentation in the skin does not carry an inherent inferiority. Tell her to study evolution and she will find that the pigmentation evolved naturally as a protection to people who had lived for thousands of years under a tropical sun. Tell her that man's conception of beauty baries. The men of Ubangi, think that the woman with the biggest lips are most beautiful. Certain tribes in Borneo think that women with giraffe necks are most desirable. Tell her that when she goes to the "movies" and sees that picture which turns up periodically, about the blond woman lost in the black man's jungle, and when found by the blacks is immediately made the local Godess, is a gross lie. They would probably throw her in a pot and cook her for dinner, to discover how she tasted!

7-25-40

With that as a solid foundation, she can build herself a "wall of Jerico(?) that no trumpeter can cause to tumble, no matter how loudly he trumpets.

Then Dr. DuBois, tell this girl to study EDONOMICS. In this science that treats of the production and use of wealth from the material resources of a country, she will find the answer to the causes behind these wars that so Horrify her. She will find too, that if she digs far enough she can uncover the reason for the "crackers" hatred of the "nigger" She will discover that hatred is a manufactured thing, just as surely as a Ford, rolls from an assembly line, only the manufacture of hatred is a more simple thing.

If this girl looks around, she will find that black skins are not the only skins that are persecuted. In fact, thare are many white people in this great and righ country, whose position is not in any way enviable. "The Great White Father" in Washington, has truthfully said that, "one third of this nation is ill,fed, ill clothed and ill housed." Now it is true that the Negro is at the bottom of this hungry, ragged pike, and that is just where he is going to stay, unless our leaders, and I mean black and white leaders, tell us the truth about the workings of Edonomics.

The captains of our industries are satisfied with the status quo, they love things as they are and they are going to try and keep them that way, but truth will disolve their might and all the people will come into their own. I'm no speaking of trugh as something moral, but mathematical. These men are not particularly interested in whether our skins are black, that is simply a convenience. If the difference that sets you apart as a minority were not blackness, it might be the

way in which you worshiped your particular God, or the length of yourh head or nose, or the language you spoke. Tell her to study persecution in other countries and she will find them giving many excuses to make one group hate another.

Now this girl has bowed in humility before you, Dr. DuBois, and she wants to know how she can help. Tell her that when she has assimilated these truths, to spread them about, high, wide and handsome, and it will be a great help to us all.

I believe this advice is what she needed, and not some really unking and vague promise of someoone, somewhere, who will recognize such an intangible thing as a soul, beneath her black skin.

You might also gently, ever so gently, tell her not to take seriously that "mellow wisdom" which she claims to have inherited from her elderly parents. She was probably conditioned to accept the attitude of two thoroughly embitterd and defeated parents, who had decided that there was no understanding of a cold and vicious white world.

Near the end of your column, is this question, "Are we going to let the color line of the white world enter our own colored world and ruin it?" To me that question is incredible. A man of your great learning simply couldn't be so naive.

Heres hoping that your columns of the future will be of help and a guide for us all on the road to a more bountiful and happy life. A Merry and White Christmas to you sir.

Sincerely,

"The Analyst" (EGO)

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RACIAL CUBA

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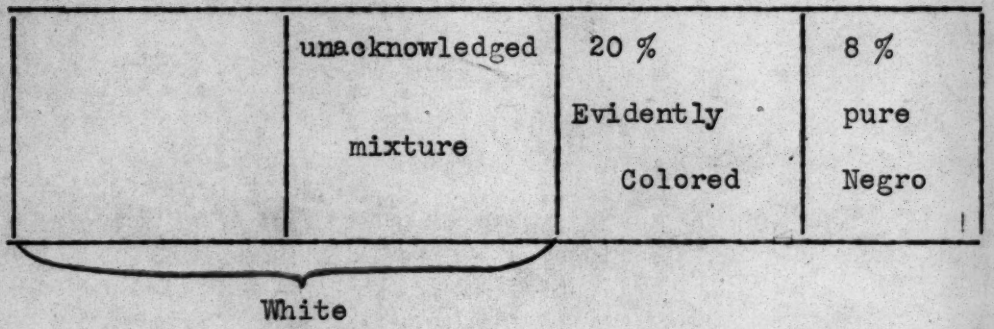

4/6-5-81

4,000,000 Cubans

60 % have more or less Negro blood

30 % have evident and acknowledged Negro blood.

8 % pure Negro

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To The Chamber

Whereas: The present Constitution of the Republic establishes in its Article 10: (a) the right of the citizen "to reside in his fatherland without being subjected to any discrimination or extortion whatsoever, no matter what his race, class, political opinion, or religious beliefs may be";

Whereas: Article 20 of the Constitution consecrates the principle of equality without exception to all Cubans, and "declares illegal and punishable all discrimination because of sex, race, color or class, and any other injury to human dignity";

Whereas: In Article 74 an attempt is made to avoid discriminatory practices in the distribution of opportunities to work in industry and commerce;

Whereas: The discrimination produced by race prejudice is clearly and perniciously manifest in many other sectors of national life, such as education, the enjoyment of public places, services, and establishments, the work dependent upon official organisms,etc.;

Whereas: Only the transitory authority of the Third Title[1] of the Constitution orders the approval of the law establishing sanctions corresponding to violations of Article 20;

Whereas: It is urgent to assure true democracy with equality for the citizenry, fulfilling the constitutional mandate;

Therefore: The undersigned representatives have the honor to present for the consideration and approval of the Chamber the following

Proposed Law

Art.1. In consequence of that which is prescribed by the Constitution in its Art.20, any order or act, by (public) authority or by an individual, which in any form whatsoever denies or restricts the equality of rights, establishing privileges or preteritions for citizens because of race or color,shall constitute an act of discrimination.

Art.2. Commit an act of discrimination:
(a) Those who in any way impede or try to impede individuals of a particular race or color from walking, passing by, or remaining in places of public use, such as streets, parks, beaches,etc.,or who try to set off for them a segregated or isolated part of said places.

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1. I quite realize that this is not a satisfactory translation, and would suggest that you ask your Cuban friend exactly what is meant by the "Titulo Tercero de la Constitución" (MC)

(b) Those who attempt to hinder citizens, because of race or color, from residing in a particular district, or who try, on the contrary, to oblige them to do so in a particular (district).

Included in this category are proprietors, managers, sub-renters, or agents of houses for rent, hotels, or other similar establishments, who on some pretext refuse persons of one race or color, when under similar conditions they deal with those of another race or color.

(c) The proprietor, manager, or agent of a commercial establishment, public spectacle, bath-house, beach, or like establishments, who deny service or impede on some pretext or subterfuge the entry or residence of any person, whereas, under similar circumstances and conditions, they facilitate said service or access to persons of another race, color, or social class.

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(d) The proprietor, director, or person in charge of institutions of public or private instruction, who, alleging an excess of students or any other pretext the falsity of which can be proved, should prevent the admission of persons of a particular race, color or class, or establish differences, segregation, or privileges in the activities of the institution, by reason of the race, color or class of the students.

(e) Those who, when there exists the possibility of work in industrial or commercial enterprises,etc., should deny it (that possibility) to any competent citizen because of race of color. And those who act likewise with respect to State, Provincial, or Municipal positions (in appointments as well as in promotions) when the applicant has fulfilled the legal requirements for the post.

(f) Those who speak or execute acts derogatory or injurious to individuals of a particular race, or spread ideas of inferiority or superiority of individuals of one race or color, or attack in any way the principle of equal rights for the citizens of all colors and races.

Art.3. The crime of discriminating as defined and specified in the preceding articles will be punished by prison from 6 months to 3 years in the proper penal institutions.

If in committing the crime, aggression[1] shall be employed against the individual(s), the punishment shall be for 3 years, except when the aggression causes a crime of greater importance.

In case of recurrence(of the violation) the sentence previously imposed shall be doubled; and moreover:

(a) If the person guilty of the second violation is a proprietor, manager, or director of a commercial, industrial, or educational establishment, his licence shall be withdrawn, the State, Province, or Municipality reserving the right to take over administration and upkeep if it deems such useful.

1. "aggression" may be replaced here by "physical attack"

(b) If the person guilty of the second offense is an official or servant of the State, Province or Municipality, he will be discharged and ineligible for four years to exercice a public office.

Art.4. To arouse the spirit of fraternity among individuals of different race or color, combating prejudices and false ideas of segregation or racial superiority and hatred, disdain, or distrust against a given race or color which (prejudice) has remained in Cuba as a legacy from the oppression of slavery, there is created the Cuban Institute of Interracial Cooperation.

To this end the Institute will carry on the following activities:

(a) It will undertake an intense propaganda, explaining to the public the scientific discoveries and theories which demonstrate the fallacy of hypotheses concerning the alleged superiority of some races over others.

(b) Jointly with the National Council of Education it will watch public and private instruction to see that all education disseminated in the schools of the Republic will be directed toward combating race prejudice.

(c) It will publicize the participation of our Negro ancestors in the struggles for independence and the contribution of Negro citizens to Cuban culture.

The organization and functioning of the Cuban Institute of Interracial Cooperation will be under the direction of the Minister of Education.

The existence of the Institute of Interracial Cooperation cannot be taken as an excuse to restrict or hinder any other form of legislative effort of white and colored citizens to assure in our country absolute equality between men of any race or color.

Art.5. All decrees,laws,rulings, resolutions,etc., which oppose that which is set down in this law are null and void.

Salon de Sesiones of the Chamber of Representatives, Jan.11,1941.

Signed: BIAS ROCA. Salvador García Agüero. Lázaro Peña. José Maceo. José Maria Pérez.

[1941?]

NEGRO COOPERATIVES

1. Tuskegee Consumers Cooperative, Tuskegee, Alabama

2. Cooperative Business Council, New Haven, Connecticut (203 Goffe Street)

3. Cooperative Industries, Lincoln Heights, Washington, D.C. (50th & Grant Sts.N.E.

4. Liberty Square Cooperative, Miami, Florida (6302 - 14th Avenue, N.W.)

5. The Peoples' Consumer Cooperative Society, Rosenwald Apts., Chicago, Ill.
   Morgan Park Consumers' Co-op, 1428 W. 112 Pl. (~~[illegible]~~ S 3 E. 46th St.

6. Consumers Cooperative Trading Co. (buying group), Gary, Indiana (2161 B'way)

7. Harlem's Own Cooperative, 202 W. 136th Street, New York City
   Harlem Consumers' Cooperative Council (same address)

8. Consumers Cooperative Society of Huston, Texas, a member of Producers & Consumers Cooperatives, 1106 S. Ervay Street, Dallas -includes a filling station and a grocery store.

9. Red Circle Cooperative, 825 St. Johns Street, Richmond, Va. (2 stores)
   Homer I. Rose, manager.

10. People's Consumer Cooperative, Milwaukee, Wisconsin ,(1800 N. 7th St)

There are also cooperative buying clubs just recently started at Hackensack and Newark, New Jersey, but we don't have definite addresses for these.

Others

Michigan: Loyal Consumers' Cooperative Society, 5121 Milford St, Detroit

N.Y. State: Lackawanna Consumers Cooperative Ass'n - 170 Fifth St., Lackwanna

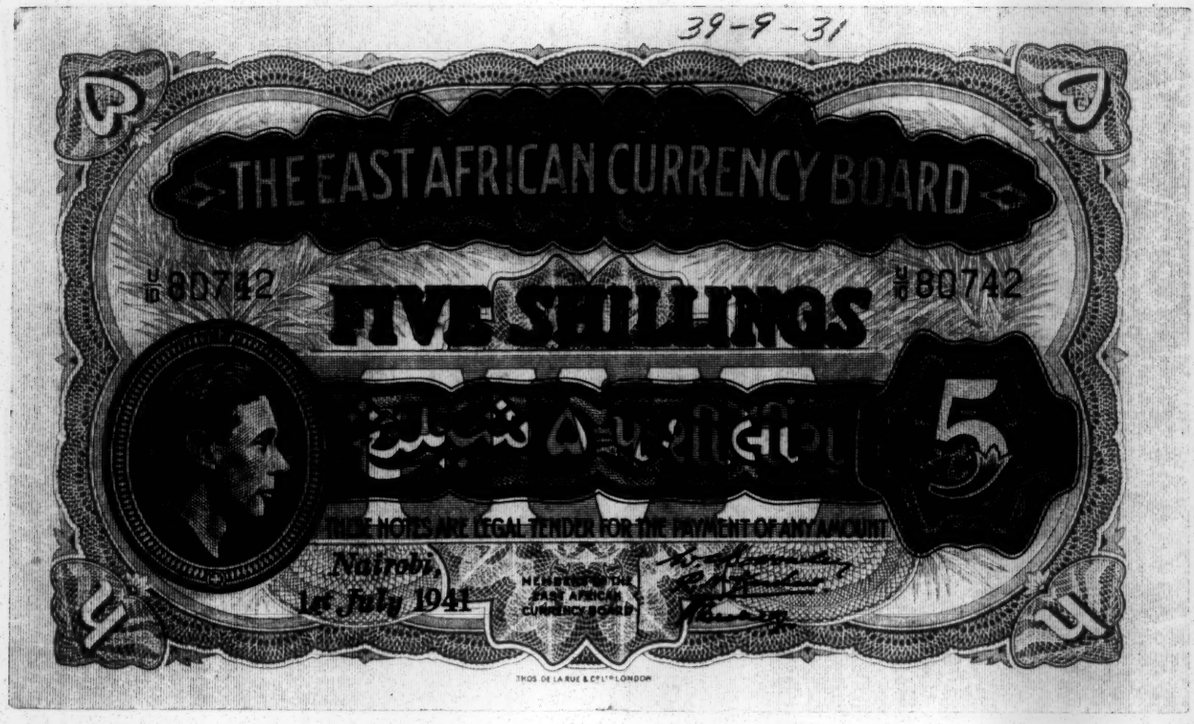
Chicago - Citizens Commers' Cooperative, 6044 S. Park

Ohio: Valley Consumers' Cooperative Ass'n, c/o Rev. Westwell Greenwood
Woodlawn Terrace, St. Simon Cyrene, Cincinnati

Cleveland: Profit Sharing Coal & Provisions Club, c/o Jas. C. Milliner, 2234 E. 43rd Street.

Toledo: Booker Washington Cooperative Trade Ass'n, 1113 Page Street, Toledo

Virginia - Aberdeen Gardens Association, Newport News, Va.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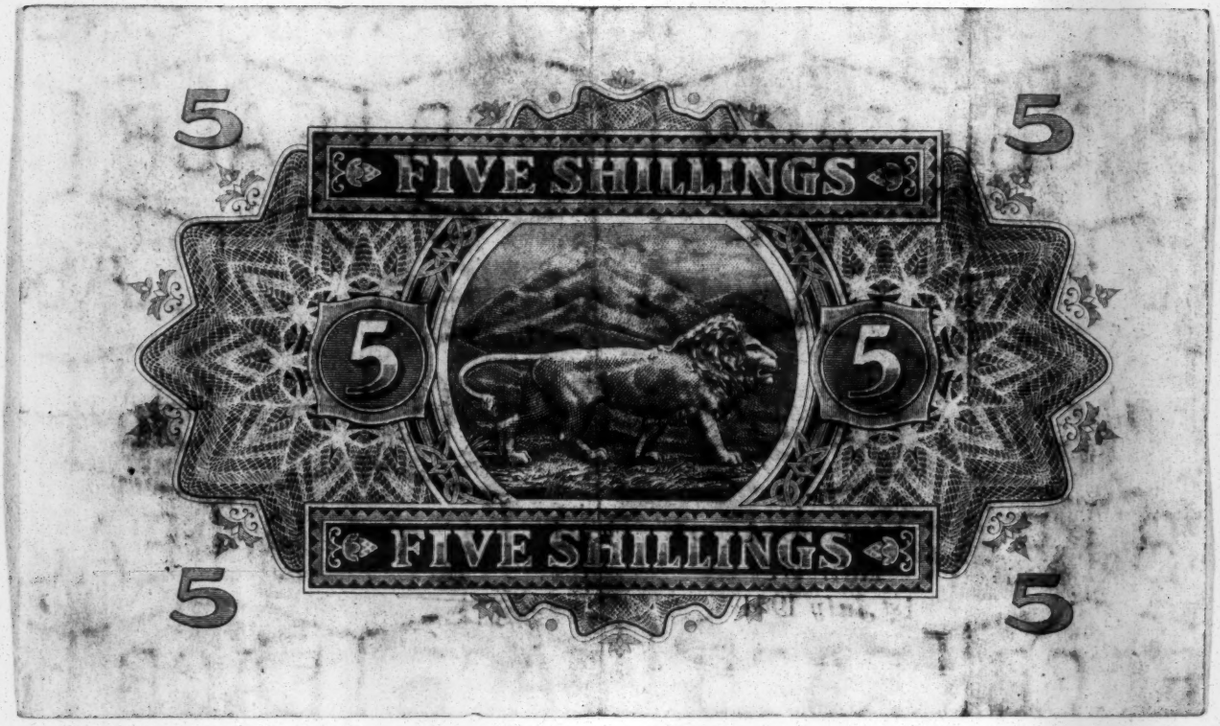
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Dr. William E. DuBois,
Crisis Publication,
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Lectures 1943

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Twenty years ago this coming February, this church entered its newly constructed buildings. During these TWENTY YEARS IN HARLEM we have:

Taken in over 15,000 members,
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Paid off all indebtedness on a half million dollars worth of property.
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To celebrate our TWENTY YEARS IN HARLEM we are planning to use the month of February. We will duplicate as far as possible- day by day, event by event- the original dedicatory program of 1923.

Twenty years ago you were on the Committee that sponsored the Social Service organization program 3:30 in the afternoon of the Second Sunday.

Will you be kind enough to serve again February 7th at 3:30. Also, will you kindly attend a brief meeting Saturday, January 2nd 2: p.m. in my office, 132 West 138th Street so that the group can organize and map out its program.

May I have the pleasure of an immediate reply?

Sincerely yours,

A. Clayton Powell, Jr.
Pastor

ACP/H

Needs:—$10,000 for a camp.
$ 5,000 for more equipment for the Community House.
$75,000 toward another Church and Community House in the Hill Section.
$ 5,000 annually for needed workers.

Will you help in meeting these needs or any of the above activities? However small the gift, it will be appreciated.

[ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH]

29 December 1942

18-46-104

My dear Mr. Powell:

I have your circular letter of December 21. As I am not now a resident of New York City I cannot attend your meeting of January second, but I am lecturing in New York City in February and beg to enclose one of my circulars.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Reverend A. Clayton Powell, Jr.
132 West 138th Street
New York City

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4 February 1942

Dear Mr DuBois

PHYLON, No I, Vol III is here today and looks very good to me. I hope the subscription list is growing as it should.

12-8-4-81

The use of the word "frontispiece" bothers me a bit. Frontispiece usually is used to describe a position - meaning the page facing the title page - rather than just any front piece. Consequently, a frontispiece does not have a folio attached to it, although in the pagination it can be included. Custom places the word "frontispiece" in the column of the folios and not as a title as it appears in this No.

This is just a point in bibliography

and it may interest you.

By the way, the print by George Shivery looks more like an linoleum than a wood block, and certainly was not cut with a knife. So it must be an engraving done either on soft wood or on linoleum. Nor is it very clear from the table of contents whether Shivery had anything to do with "Negertari" or not.

Perhaps these are good questions for the School of Library Service.

Cordially yours

Elmer Adler

W. E. B. Du Bois, Ph.D

20 February 1942

My dear Mr. Adler:

Thank you for your letter of February fourth. I appreciate your kind words. The PHYLON subscriptions for 1941 reach seven hundred five paid copies which I think is doing pretty well.

I know that the word frontispiece is not quite correct but I did not know what to use instead and the necessity of inserting four pages of glazed paper if we are going to have pictures led me to the device of two frontispieces; but I shall try to call the first one by some other name hereafter. The print by George Shivery was a linoleum and not a wood block. He was responsible simply for that and had nothing to do with the Nefertari portrait.

I shall be glad to have a word from you at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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August 18, 1942

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

18-55-03

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The old saying "life begins at 40," is all right for individuals; but we are revising it a little to fit the situation of the AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS, and we are saying that life begins at fifty, because this year as we plan to celebrate 50 years of our existence, we feel that we have just begun to live and to serve the public whose support we have enjoyed for the past half century.

Yes, it was fifty years ago that John H. Murphy, Sr., laid down his whitewash brush decided that he was going to enter the field of journalism that he might be able to do more to make life a little brighter for the down-trodden race to which he belonged.

Up through the years, the AFRO-AMERICAN, which has grown from a small eight-sheet paper in a musty print shop to a chain of five papers in five eastern cities, has been dedicated to that purpose, serving as a beacon for those who look to us for guidance along the road to a fuller participation in the great democracy to which we all belong, and which now engaged in a world struggle we are trying to help preserve.

I could go into detail tracing the development of this institution which now boasts more than 185 full time employees and a paid circulation of more than 150,000; but I shall not burden you in this letter with historical data, so I am enclosing some facts for your information, which you may peruse at your leisure.

LETTERHEADS ARE PRINTED ON NEWSPRINT PAPER TO CONSERVE PAPER DURING THE WAR PERIOD.

18-58-24

The purpose of this communication is merely to solicit from you a letter to be inserted in our Fifieth Anniversary Edition, to reach us not later than August 22, containing any expression which you might wish to make regarding the service that the AFRO has been able to render to your community and to the institutions and organizations in which you are personally interested.

It is customary for the average person, when asked for a letter of this type to merely say "Congratulations on your anniversary." We are assuming that you automatically wish any institution well that is striving diligently as you are for the betterment of our people as a whole, so we seek more than a mere greeting.

What you think of the job we are trying to do and how you think we can improve our contribution to our communities and our race in the future is what we want. We are looking ahead in the hop that "life does begin at 50," and that our real task and service has just begun.

Thank you for an early reply

Very truly yours,
THE AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS

William I. Gibson

William I. Gibson
Managing Editor

WIG/T

15 May 1942

98-44-81

My dear Mrs. Alexander:

I am going to be in New York, Thursday, May twenty-first. If you are having dinner that day and have the same cook, I will be round. If you are not at home, drop me a line at the Hotel Theresa where I arrive May twentieth.

With best regards to you and Doctor.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lilliam Alexander
234 West 139th Street
New York City

18 May 1942

18-49-25

My dear Mrs. Alexander:

That Thursday dinner is off. I was to speak Wednesday night but the President got wind of it and freed Browder. I shall probably by in town Friday and if so, I shall call you up.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Ernest R. Alexander
234 West 139th Street
New York City

16 January 1942

18-45-66

My dear Sadie:

I know there was no use butting up against any such important business as the Delta meeting at Christmas and so I did not try stopping in Philadelphia; but I shall probably be speaking, April third, at Yale and in that case I might stop over a few hours Sunday, April fifth, and go over your Tanner material and help plan an article. Let me know how this would suit you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander
1900 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

18-50-2

30 September 1942

My dear Sadie:

I know you won't answer this letter but I am writing it in deference to an inquiry from Haverford College. In my PHILADELPHIA NEGRO, Page 380 I say: "Some marriages with Quakers took place, one especially in 1825 when a Quakeress married a Negro, created much comment. Descendants of this couple still survive."

Of course, I haven't now the slightest idea as to whom I referred. Have you?

With best regards to the family,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Sadie Alexander
1900 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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6th October 42

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have many times heard the same fact that you stated on page 360 of your Philadelphia Negro. In fact, on numerous occasions when we passed the house located near 12th & Walnut Streets, my mother used to tell me that the daughter of the Quaker family that lived in that house married a Negro, but I never knew the name, I telephoned Dr. Henry Minton, who is well informed on Philadelphia Negro History. He too had heard this fact but he could not give me any name. I also went to see my uncle, Dr. N. F. Mossell. He said that he does not know any facts but that he thinks the family name was Maps. The descendants of the marriage, according to his recolection, taught in some of the Quaker schools when they were first established for Negroes, and later their descendants passed over on the white side. He states that he is by no means positive that the Maps are the family to whom you refer.

As you know my uncle is eighty-five years of age and has always been interested in Negro affairs. If he does not know, I do not know anyone from whom I can get the information. I asked him if he had any suggestions. He said that the people who would know are dead. I am sorry that I cannot be of any more help. It has occured to me that Ella Still might know, but she does not have a telephone. I will try to go to see her.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

STMA:yj

18-50-1

CROSS REFERENCE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PRECEDING,

CORR OF DUBOIS AND SADIE ALEXANDER,
SEPT 30 - OCT 6, 1942

SEE THE FOLLOWING:

CORR OF DUBOIS AND THOMAS DRAKE,
SEPT 19 - NOV 6, 1942

2 February 1942

My dear Virginia:

I went to West Virginia State College before returning South after Christmas and had a most interesting visit speaking to students and faculty and heads of departments on my plan for economic leadership by college students.

I then came down here and have been working on the final bibliographical report for the Encyclopaedia and trying to get the decks cleared for the great novel. I am not going to do much lecturing this year although I am coming up to Hampton and in April I am to attend the sociology seminar at Yale.

I suppose you have heard details of Du Bois' latest adventure sliding down hill and nearly smashing her head against rocks. The doctor hopes that the permanent scar will not be bad. I trust you will look it over sometime. She is a great kid and has the courage of wild horses but she certainly keeps us jumping.

I do hope that you are keeping well and that the old trouble is not any worse. The only difficulty of course is overwork and that I suppose is almost inevitable. I am distinctly slowing down. I have given up my eight o'clock classes and have now two classes three times a week from 10:30 to 12:30 so that I shall be rising at 7:00 instead of 6:30 and leave when I get tired.

Let me hear from you when you get time.

With best love,

Dr. Virginia M. Alexander
Washington, D. C.

5 October 1942

18-45-65

My dear Virginia:

I was sorry not to be able to stop and see you on the way down but I felt that I had to go to Boston for the weekend and I could not stay over until the next weekend. I knew you would be too tired for visitors during the week.

I had a very pleasant journey down here driving two hundred miles or less a day and arrived in the early afternoon so as to be unloaded before night. Everything is going on well perhaps even better than could be expected. I am still pushing the Land Grant College coperation and feel that it is eventually going over.

Physically I have been pretty well although I have had little beginnings of colds and some twinges of neuritis but not really enough to complain about.

I stopped in Petersburg on the way down and Bessie came over and called on me at the president's house. Also several people here have asked about you.

Yours with love,

Dr. Virginia M. Alexander
1830 Sixteenth Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

[Alpha Kappa Alpha Atlanta]

Atlanta Public Schools

Howard Elementary-Junior High School

551 Houston Street, Northeast

Atlanta, Georgia

November 9, 1942

Lectures

18-55-37

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The graduate chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority is including in its annual program this year, a short course in Consumer Education. The course will consist of discussions of three phases of the subject, - Price Control, Rationing, Conservation. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, November 21, at 6:00 P.M., at the Service Men's Center, on Hunter St.

We shall be very happy if you can find it possible to be our guest on this occasion, and to give us a brief talk and lead in the discussion on this first topic, -"Price Control."

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Bazoline E. Usher

Bazoline E. Usher, Ch., Program Committee

10 November 1942

18-55-38

My dear Miss Usher:

I want you to know that I appreciate your kind invitation of November 9, but I regret to say that I am scheduled to speak at Southern University, Louisiana, November 20, and do not expect to be back here before the 22 or 23.

I think I ought to add frankly that I am unwilling to make any particular effort in behalf of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. Last spring in response to considerable urging I prepared at considerable expense in time and work a lecture for a regional conference of the Alpha Kappa Alpha. There were not a half dozen members present and if Mr. Cook had not brought his college class the occasion would have been almost a complete washout. I am convinced that the only thing that the fraternities of Atlanta want and are willing to pay for is a dance and in that preference I have considerable sympathy with them.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Bazoline E. Usher
Howard Elementary-Junior High School
551 Houston Street Northeast
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[Alpha Kappa Alpha - Morris Brown Coll.]

Morris Brown College

Atlanta, Georgia

May 5, 1942

18-55-54

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

The members of the Gamma Gamma Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, realize that the negro college student must do his share in the concrete thinking and acting which will help to win a double victory for our country at home and abroad.

This thinking should be stimulated and directed into the proper channels. For this reason, Gamma Gamma Chapter invites you to be its guest speaker on the evening of May 17, 1942, at six o'clock in the College Chapel on the Morris Brown Campus.

The subject we have chosen is The Future of the American Negro and the African Colonies After World War II. We have worded this subject along lines we feel will suit you, but you are at liberty to reword it, or change it if you so desire.

We would appreciate a prompt reply, so that we may make the necessary arrahgemehts ahd have occasion to take advantage of this opportunity.

We are sincerely hopeful that it will be convenient for you because we are looking forward to presenting you with great anticipation.

Sincerely,

Doris M. Daly

[Alpha Kappa Alpha – Morris Brown]

7 May 1942

Memo to Miss Daley:

Will you kindly consult Mr. Andrews for whom I have promised to speak this year at Morris Brown College?

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-55-55

Miss Doris Daly
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia

Gamma Gamma Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia
May 15, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
A tlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

18-45-48

You have kindly consented to address a group in our College Chapel on Sunday evening, May 17, 1942, at 6 P. M. The subject to be treated is: "The Future of the American Negro and the African Colonies after World War II".

This is a brief reminder of the engagement. We are anticipating it with pleasure. If there are any special arrangements you would like to suggest to be made, or if for any reason you would like to contact me, please call Jackson 6750.

Sincerely,

Doris M. Daly

Doris Daly
Basileus

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[Alpha Phi Alpha]
ALLEN U.

Lecture

Allen University
Columbia, S. C.
February 12, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:-

24-54-81

I am writing to you in behalf of the Alpha Psi Lambda chapter of the Alpha Phi Alphi fraternity, which wishes to invite you to come to Columbia and deliver an address at a public meeting which will take place on a Sunday afternoon. If you see your way clear to accept such an invitation, we request you to name two dates that would be most convenient for you. Some Sunday in the month of March would probably best best for us, but we would be happy to entertain you as late as April if you could not come before that time. In your reply, you may kindly enclose a set of figures representing your charges for such an engagement.

Hoping you are able to give us a favorable reply,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Frederick H. Dedmond

Frederick H. Dedmond, chapter secretary

[Alpha Phi Alpha]

18 February 1942

18-45-43

My dear Mr. Dedmond:

Answering your letter of February twelfth, I beg to say that I could speak at Columbia March fifteenth or twenty-second. My charge would be fifty dollars and board and two rooms for myself and se retary.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Frederick H. Dedmond
Allen University
Columbia, South Carolina

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5 March 1942

My dear Mr. Dedmond:

I have your telegram and beg to say that I will speak for you March twenty-second. Please let me know what subject you want me to take. I would suggest one of the following:

18-45-45

RECONSTRUCTION AFTER THE PRESENT WAR
AFRICA IN THE PRESENT WAR
THE NEGRO IN THE WEST INDIES AND SOUTH AMERICA.

Let me know also the character of the audience and the place where the speech is to be given. I shall arrive Saturday and leave Monday morning.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Frederick H. Dedmond
Allen University
Columbia, South Carolina

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FREDERICK H. DEDMOND
Head of Department of
Romance Languages

March 9, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I have your letter of March 5th., in response, I should like to suggest that you select RECONSTRUCTION AFTER THE PRESENT WAR as a subject for your address.

18-45-46

Your audience will be made of the faculties and student bodies of both Allen University and Benedict College, as well as about 250 teachers of the public school system. In short, your audience will comprise of intelligent elements for the most part.

I should like to ask if you will come to Columbia by car or by train. I should like to know also if you wish to have your secretary dwell in the same quarters with you.

Here is hoping that everything is moving nicely with you.

Yours very truly,

Frederick H. Dedmond

12 March 1942

18-45-47

My dear Mr. Dedmond:

I shall speak March twenty-second on the subject RECONSTRUCTION AFTER THE PRESENT WAR. We are coming by automobile. It will not be necessary for my secretary, Miss Diggs, to be accomodated in the same house. Anywhere will be all right so long as she is comfortable.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Frederick H. Dedmond
Allen University
Columbia, South Carolina

24 March 1942

18-55-87

My dear Professor Dedmond:

We reached home safely at one a. m. this morning. I want to thank you very much for the excellent audience which you gave me and to tell you how much I enjoyed the trip to Columbia.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Frederick H. Dedmond
Allen University
Columbia, South Carolina

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March 9, 1942

18-45-9

Dear Brother DuBois,

We are planning our Education-for-Citizenship program, which you know, comes during the week of April 26th through May 3rd. It is customary that we have a prominent brother to give the principal address during that week. This year we should like to have you as our speaker.

Our finances are low. Would you consider coming here for expenses, at anytime during that week? If you find it impossible to come for expenses, what will be your charge?

We would appreciate an early response.

Fraternally yours,

C. H. Dudley
Secretary

H/S/K/

[Alpha Phi Alpha]
CHARLOTTE, NC

12 March 1942

18-45-10

My dear Sir:

I could probably arrange to speak for you during the week of April twenty-sixth to May third. My charge would be fifty dollars in addition to board and room for one day for myself and for my secretary who helps me drive.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. C. H. Dudley
Johnson C. Smith University
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18-55-89

April 7, 1942

Dear Brother Dubois,

Thanks for your offer to speak for us. We realize that you are a busy man. However, because our chapter is small, we will not be able to sponsor you here this year.

We hope to be able to hear you in the near future. Again, thank you.

Fraternally yours,

C. W. Dudley

Secretary

[Alpha Phi Alpha - Wilberforce]

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XI CHAPTER
WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY
WILBERFORCE, OHIO

March 14, 1942

18-55-51

Dr. W. E. Burghardt DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Brother DuBois:

The committee in charge of arrangements for the Observance of Education for Citizenship Week has agreed unanimously to invite you to be the guest speaker. We extend hereby our invitation. The date of Sunday, April 26, 1942 has been scheduled for our opening program and we would like to have you speak in your inimitably manner on a subject of your choice.

We sincerely anticipate your acdptance of this invitation. Of course, our financial means for this endeavor are rather limited and we are attimpting to keep within our budget. Therefore, we are asking your help in this undertaking, and we are certain that in true Alpha spirit you will, if at all possible come to us at a minimum cost. Your coming is invaluable but we are sure that you can appreciate our situation.

We anxiously await your reply.

Fraternally yours,

James E. Morris II

James E. Morris II
Secretary

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[Alpha Phi Alpha - Wilberforce]

17 March 1942

18-55-52

My dear Mr. Morris:

I appreciate your kind invitation of March fourteenth but regret to say that I am going to be out of the country during April and either will not be back by the twenty-sixth or just back and unable to leave at once. I should like otherwise to talk to your group.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. James E. Morris, II
Wilberforce University
Wilberforce, Ohio

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March 6, 1942

Dr. William E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-49-39

My dear Dr. DuBois:

The very pleasant talk that you, Dr. Logan, Dr. Daugherty, and I had in Washington earlier in the year with respect to the Inter-American Conference on Negro Studies has been followed up by other conversations.

Dr. Daugherty and I explained to you at that time the reasons why it seemed necessary to limit rather closely the number of scholars from the United States who would participate in the Conference. A discussion with the Office of Inter-American Affairs has developed the desire on the part of that Office that the group should be somewhat enlarged. Accordingly, we are asking Dr. Logan himself to attend the Conference, which he can probably do without difficulty since he has, I think, already left for Haiti where he is to undertake the study of the Negro contribution to American history in the Caribbean area. The Committee is also asking Professor Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University.

We very much hope that you yourself will be able to join the Conference. I have asked Dr. Daugherty to prepare a brief statement respecting the probable date, problems of transportation, passports, etc. We shall, of course, be happy to be of any service in assisting your attendance.

Very sincerely yours,

Waldo G. Leland,
Director

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March 12, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Air Mail Special

18-49-40

Dear Dr. DuBois:

You have probably already received Dr. Leland's invitation to attend the Inter-American Conference on Negro Studies, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, April 13-18. I am attempting to complete arrangements for priorities in travel, reservations, etc., and should like to know as soon as possible (by telegraph if you have not already written) whether you will be able to attend the conference.

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Following the conversation you, Dr. Logan, and Dr. Leland, had about the conference, preparations were for some time kept practically at a standstill, owing to uncertainty as to whether we could obtain transportation for the delegates. Within the last few days fair assurance has been given that priorities will be granted, and it is necessary to rush the completion of arrangements.

Because of the crowded schedules of the airlines it may be necessary to move the delegates in installments, which means that some persons may be asked to arrive in Haiti a few days before the conference or to stay on a day or two after it has been completed. It is expected, however, that all travel should be able to be accomplished between April 8 and April 22.

Travel for delegates from the United States will be by Pan American Airways, departing from Miami. Local travel has not been arranged and may be left to the convenience of delegates. Travel from Miami will be purchased in Washington by the Council and certain other expenses of delegates, including those of the stay in Haiti will also be assumed by the Council.

Passports should be ordered <u>immediately</u> by the delegates. Representatives of the Department of State will attempt to speed action on applications for passports by delegates after their names have been presented through the offices of the Council.

You will receive a copy of the program as soon as it has been completed.

After your acceptance has been received I shall keep you informed of relevant developments, and I shall look forward to meeting you again, at the conference.

Very sincerely yours, D. H. Daugherty

N. B. Please send also your weight — required for air travel.

13 March 1942

My dear Mr. Daugherty:

I have the letter of Mr. Leland of March 6 and your letter of March 12. I am telegraphing you today saying that I will attend the conference.

On account of my editorship of PHYLON I shall have to leave here at the last possible moment. I hope you can arrange this. The time of return makes no particular difference.

My passport No. 689383 is in the possession of the Department of State having been taken up when I returned from Cuba last summer.

If it is not inconvenient could you let me have a list of the persons who are expecting to attend the Port-au-Prince meeting. Also may I inquire if there is any chance at all of anyone attending who is not an appointed delegate.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. D. H. Daugherty
American Council of Learned Societies
1219 Sixteenth Street Northwest
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25 March 1942

Ext-49-43

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I telegraphed you last week that the proposed Haiti conference on Negro studies had been cancelled.

This decision seemed required because of the uncertainties which attached to arrangements for travel and because a number of the appointed delegates reported that they would be unable to attend. Travel to points abroad is increasingly difficult for civilians in the United States, and it is possible that travel for persons in South America may at any time restricted.

Delegates who have already indicated that they could not have been present include three of six Brazilians (Freyre, Ramos, Andrade); Ortiz; and the only delegates from each of three other countries (Puerto Rico, Mexico, Venezuela). Under these circumstances a successful conference seemed improbable if not impossible.

I am very sorry things have gone the way they have.

Very sincerely yours,

D. H. Daugherty

D. H. Daugherty

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

C. C. To President Clement 26 March 1942

[Am. Council on Ed.]

24 October 1942

My dear Mr. Shank:

In your last letter, September 28, you said you would inform me of any action of the American Council at its October meeting.

I am leaving to attend a meeting of the Presidents of Land Grant Colleges in Chicago, October 28 and 29. I wish I could have some word from the Council to communicate to them. Have you information? I can be reached here or at the Hotel Grand, South Parkway, Chicago.

18-53-49

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Donald J. Shank
American Council On Education
744 Jackson Place
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FRED G. CLARK
GENERAL CHAIRMAN

April 10, 1942

18-45-93

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

Supplementing its "Wake Up, America" Blue Network Forum, the Foundation is instituting another public service -- a weekly "debate-in-print", between nationally known personalities. Specimens are attached. It appears that over 1000 papers will use them.

I am writing to ask if you will participate in one of these "debates". Inasmuch as our non-profit operation precludes our selling this service, and inasmuch as the mechanical costs are all our modest budget can absorb, we can offer you nothing but a few million extra readers.

Attached is a partial list of people who have already accepted; also a booklet descriptive of the Radio Forum.

We would welcome your suggestions as to subjects in which you are particularly interested, also the names of possible "opponents". May I ask you to indicate your decision on the attached card?

Sincerely yours,

Fred G. Clark

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

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Request to write article

New York, N. Y.
April 20, 1942

81-89-81

Dear Mr. DuBois:-

Your willingness to participate in one of the "Wake Up, America!" debates-in-print is sincerely welcome.

We will get in touch with you just as soon as we select a topic in your field of interest.

Very sincerely,

Fred G. Clark

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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[JAN. 9, 1942]
[AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOC.]

18-43-188

9 January 1941

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I answered your first letter saying that my department has no travel appropriation and that the University does not usually pay travel for such occasions. I must, therefore, with regret forego the pleasure of being present January sixteenth.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
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March 7, 1942

Dr. William E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

61-89-81

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have two books on anti-Semitism on my desk and I am tempted to ask you to review them for The Annals. Would you be willing to do it?

Sincerely yours,

Thorsten Sellin

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18-58

Dr. William E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, George

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I fear your reply to Dr. Sellin's invitation of March 7 to review for The Annals two books on anti-Semitism has gone astray in the mails.

I am enclosing another return postal card and trust that your reply may be favorable.

Sincerely yours,

Alice E. Scholtz

Alice E. Scholtz
Secretary to Dr. Sellin

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

18-58

Thorsten Sellin, *Editor*

THE ANNALS

3457 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Dear Sir:

I shall be { *able** / *unable* } *to review* .....

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ANTISEMITISM edited by Koppel S. Pinson

The manuscript will be in your hands by .....

Yours truly,

.....

**Please cross out the word which does not meet your needs.*

[ASSOCIATED . . .]

The Associated Negro Press

National News Service

3507 SOUTH PARKWAY

CHICAGO

18-45-29

May 14, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Here are a few clippings which you may wish to see.

Cordially,
THE ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS,

Claude A. Barnett

[ASSOCIATED ...]

18 May 1942

My dear Mr. Barnett:

I appreciate the clippings sent me. They are very interesting.

18-45-30

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Claude A. Barnett
The Associated Negro Press
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18-58-45

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June 17, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Editor,
Phylon,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We have instituted a series of guest editorials, chiefly by the editors of our Negro newspapers and periodicals. It seems definitely worthwhile during this period of stress, to present the best thought of our editorial minds to even a greater audience than their own papers reach. We are convinced that more than ever before the Negro editor has the opportunity to rise to the emergency, and must share the responsibility of definitely leading Negro public opinion.

It is our hope, therefore, that you will write an editorial for our July series. We will appreciate you getting the copy to us at your earliest opportunity in order that our series won't be interrupted.

You will, of course, choose your own subject but we hope it will treat on some phase vital to Negro life in the war or on the American scene. Choose your own length but we would suggest about 500 words.

Please send us 50 mats of yourself to accompany the editorial. We wish you would include a brief biographical sketch from which we could build a caption to go with the mat. Please mention your various activities outside of the newspaper field.

We think these editorials have the opportunity of stressing anew the place which our newspapers occupy and hope we may have your full cooperation.

May we hear from you?

Sincerely,
THE ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS,

Claude A. Barnett

Claude A. Barnett

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[ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS]

2 July 1942

18-58-46

My dear Mr. Barnett:

I am afraid I will not be able to write an editorial for your July series. I have been very busy and am just leaving for my summer home. If, however, September or October is not too late, I shall be glad to furnish an editorial. Will you write me in the fall and let me know?

I appreciate the cooperation you have given us here.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Claude A. Barnett
Associated Negro Press
3507 South Parkway
Chicago

[ASSOC. OF PRES. OF NEGRO LAND GRANT COLL.]

HAMPTON INSTITUTE
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 12, 1942

18-55-60

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I was sorry that most of the members of the Committee were tied up with other important appointments so that we could not get together here at Hampton Institute to discuss Dr. DuBois's proposals and plan a program for carrying them out.

Will you each be good enough to look over your calendars for the next two or three months and let me know at once your open dates when you could get together for such a meeting, and also at what place you would prefer to have it. We should, of course, welcome you royally at Hampton Institute.

Yours cordially,

Malcolm S. MacLean.

Malcolm S. MacLean
President

MSM:GRA

16 January 1942

18-55-61

My dear President MacLean:

I can meet your committee practically any weekend between now and June if you will give me adequate notice. The place is immaterial but Dean Lanier has asked me to speak at Hampton and if I could combine the meeting with the speech that would be practical but not absolutely necessary.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Malcolm S. MacLean
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

[ASSOC OF PRES. OF NEGRO LAND GRANT COLLEGES]

7 May 1942

My dear President Atwood:

Have you a half dozen copies of my speech before the Land-Grant College? I should like to send a few away. I shall thank you if you can furnish them.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-45-56

President R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

[ASSOC. OF PRES. OF NEGRO LAND GRANT COLL.]

Personal

8 May 1942

My dear President MacLean:

18-45-2

I know how busy you have been but I want to bring to your attention again the matter of the committee appointed at Chicago by the Land-Grant Colleges. I want especially to have at least one meeting of that committee before the year goes. The reason for this is that I am trying to induce Atlanta University to take a stand and assume obligations in accordance with the general plan.

I have sent you a copy of my petition to the President and Trustees of Atlanta University. They took no action but I know many of them are favorable. Jackson Davis of the General Education Board expressed to me his interest in the proposed step. The chief obstacle is President Clement and I rather think he may come around. He writes me this morning a letter in which he says: "Before I form any opinion on the matter, I should like to know more about the project. Did all of the Land-Grant Colleges promise to cooperate in the program as outlined? Would Atlanta University be moving ahead too fast if it did not wait for the Lang-Grant College committee, of which President MacLean of Hampton is chairman, to formulate its plans and to suggest the place of Atlanta University in the whole program?"

Could we not arrange a meeting of the committee or of a majority of it? Would it be possible to have such a meeting somewhere between May twenty-first and twenty-fifth? Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Malcolm S. MacLean
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

[ASSOC OF PRES OF NEGRO LAND GRANT COLL]

28 May 1942

18-45-102

My dear President MacLean:

I learn that you are to be at Fort Valley, Tuesday, June second. I wonder if I should come down there, I could have about an half hour talk with you during the afternoon. I know this is an imposition but I very much want to see you. I am sending this to Hampton and a copy to Fort Valley.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Malcolm S. MacLean
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

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18-45-81

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=HAVE YOUR LETTER MAY 28TH EAGER TO TALK WITH YOU ALONZO MORON OF ATLANTA DRIVING ME BACK FROM FORTVALLEY AFTERNOON JUNE SECOND TO CATCH SEVEN TWENTY EVENING TRAIN AN BRING ME TO YOU LATE AFTERNOON AT ATLANTA IF YOU WISH TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH HIM CORDIALLY=

=MALCOLM S MACLEAN=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

[ASSOC OF PRES OF NEGRO LAND GRANT COLL.]

4 June 1942

Dear President MacLean: Personal

18-45-96

I hope you reached home safely after your strenuous trip. It was a great pleasure to see and talk with you.

Enclosed is a copy of the petition which I sent to the President and Trustees of Atlanta University in April; and also a copy of my Hampton speech in 1906.

I regret to say that no letter from you has yet reached this office with regard to the proposed meeting at Hampton in mid-June. I should be very glad to have a copy of it to your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Malcolm S. MacLean
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

(ASSOC. OF PRES. OF NEGRO LAND GRANT COL.)

8 June 1942

My dear President MacLean:

I shall arrive in Hampton sometime Friday morning, June twelfth, and stay over Sunday. I shall send you tomorrow a detailed outline of my general plan. It will be a pleasure to see and talk with you again.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-45-9X

President Malcolm S. MacLean
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

(ASSOC OF PRES, OF NEGRO LAND GRANT COLLEGES)

9 June 1942

18-45-99

My dear President MacLean:

Here are twenty-three copies of my program. They were done hurriedly and there will be some mistakes. I hope this will be enough for the conferes. Tomorrow I shall send you a chart which I trust you may be able to have copied and exhibited.

I shall arrive Friday morning at Norfolk at 10:55 on the Seaboard.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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DR W E B DUBOIS=

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:MEETINGS START TEN AM FRIDAY WOULD LIKE YOU TO LEAD OFF PROGRAM. WOULD APPRECIAE IT IF YOU CAN GET HERE BY THEN=

: MALCOLM S MACLEAN.

AM.

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President M. S. Markham
Hampton Inst
H. Va.

Terribly sorry but we have only one
through connection a day. Ship your messages
Too late for me to leave Wednesday

W E B Du Bois

(ASSOC. OF PRES. OF NEGRO LAND GRANT COLLEGES)

10 June 1942

My dear President MacLean:

Enclosed is a chart of my plan. It would greatly facilitate and shorten my explanation if this could be copied and posted where everyone could see it. I know this is asking a good deal at short notice but kindly do what you can.

I find that I arrive in Portsmouth at 10:55 a. m. Friday morning and in Norfolk by ferry at 11:10 a. m. I will take a taxi from there to Hampton.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-45-100

President Malcolm S. MacLean
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

(ASSOC. OF PRES. OF NEGRO LAND GRANT COLLEGES)

30 June 1942

18-45-95

My dear President MacLean:

I sent a letter, a copy of which I enclose, to President George F. Zook and have received the enclosed reply. I would be glad to have any advice as to the next step which I might take. Meantime, I am writing to all the presidents of the Negro Land Grant Colleges telling them of our meeting and asking them to write me. Several have written.

I hope you are not working yourself to death.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Malcolm S. MacLean
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

(ASSOC OF PRES. OF NEGRO LAND GRANT COLL.)

6 July 1942

My dear Mr. MacLean:

I am writing the enclosed letter to Zook and will let you know just as soon as I hear from him.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-45-105

p. s. How would it do for you to follow this with a letter?

President Malcolm S. MacLean
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

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DR W E B DUBOIS

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY=

NEGRO LAND GRANT COLLEGES MEETING CHICAGO WABASH AVE YMCA OCT 28 AND 29 WILL YOU PRESENT REPORTS OF PROGRESS AT FIRST PART OF MEETING THURSDAY MORNING SO WE CAN MAKE PLANS FOR NEXT STEP TRAVELING EXPENSES PAID=

MALCOLM S MCLEAN.

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(ASSOC. OF PRES. OF NEGRO LAND GRANT COLL.)

14 December 1942

18-45-106

Dear President MacLean:

The President of Atlanta University has given me no official notice of the action of our Board of Trustees but I secured a copy of the resolution from the secretary, Miss Read. Meantime I understand that President Clement wants to sit with our committee. I shall be only too glad to have him.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Malcolm S. MacLean
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

[ASSOC. OF SOCIAL SCIENCE TEACHERS IN NEGRO COLLEGES]

Miner Teachers College
Washington, D.C.

January 17, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Request for information

18-59-56

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

This year the Association of the Social Science Teachers in Negro Colleges is meeting at Bluefield West Virginia, March 21, 1942. This is our Seventh Annual Meeting. I would consider it a personal favor if you could attend or send a representative to participate in our discussion of the theme, "The Negro in the Present World Crisis."

With sincere personal and professional regards,

Very truly yours,
James E. Browning
Secretary - Treasurer

[ASSOC OF SOCIAL SCIENCE TEACHERS IN NEGRO COLLEGES]

27 January 1942

18-59-51

My dear Mr. Browning:

I wish very much that I could attend the meeting of the Social Science Teachers, March twenty-first; but at present I am afraid that will be impossible.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. James B. Browning
Miner Teachers College
Washington, D. C.

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ATLANTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA
Miami, Florida
January 29, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Director of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. DuBois:

18-49-5

Acknowledging your letter of January 16, which was forwarded to me here, please be advised that we found it impossible to film the sequences in reference to Negro History in time for presentation of the 1942 "PARADE OF NEGRO PROGRESS!"

I should like very much to have an opportunity to confer with my superiors again relative to a forth coming production before we return the script. I shall be back in Atlanta late February, and if it is agreeable with you, I would like to retain posession of the script until then.

Yours very sincerely,

J. Richardson Jones,
Director of Public Relations

JRJ/adg

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

REF: DR. DU BOIS

JANUARY 9, 1942

DR. E. FRANKLIN FRAZIER
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR FRAZIER:

WE CONTINUE TO BE VERY DESIROUS OF HAVING YOU COME TO ATLANTA UNIVERSITY. THE DATES YOU HAVE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT PERMIT US TO GET THE REAL WORTH OF YOUR VISIT BECAUSE OF THE CROWDED SCHEDULE BETWEEN JANUARY 16 AND FEBRUARY 1.

1-84-81

I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH PRESIDENT CLEMENT AND IN HIS BEHALF AM ABLE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTION: THAT YOU COME FOR A PERIOD OF ONE WEEK SOMETINE BETWEEN FEBRUARY 16 AND MARCH 15; DURING THIS PERIOD YOU WILL BE REQUESTED TO DELIVER ONE FORMAL CONVOCATION ADDRESS TO THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM IN ADDITION TO THE SEMINARS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES. FOR THESE SERVICES THE UNIVERSITY WILL GIVE AN HONORARIUM OF $150.00. YOU WILL, OF COURSE, BE THE GUEST OF THE UNIVERSITY DURING THE WEEK.

WILL YOU LET ME KNOW YOUR DECISION ON THESE SUGGESTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE?

CORDIALLY,

IRA DE A. REID

IDR:RB

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

18-51-1

Memorandum to Dr. DuBois:

Miss Wilmoth A. Carter, a student in the department of Sociology, is seeking employment for next year. Will you kindly give us an estimate of her ability?

JPW

January 12, 1942

John P. Whittaker

[ATLANTA UNIV]

16 January 1942

18-51-2

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Miss Wilmoth A. Carter has impressed me as a good student and well-poised personality. I should be glad to recommend her for employment.

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta

[Atlanta University]

Lecture

16 January 1942

18-55-100

Memo to Mr. Tillman:

President Mays wants a copy or outline of my Morehouse speech. Before I can give him this I must get the program more carefully in mind. Will you let me know the present status, the speakers and their time limits and the subjects?

Mr. Nathaniel Tillman
Atlanta University
Atlanta

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Feb '16

Lectures

January 16, 1942

64-55-81

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The Anniversary program on which you agreed to speak is a symposium on the Negro college. There will be two other speakers: President H. C . Trenholm, State Teachers College, Montgomery, whose subject will be The Function of the State College; and President Albert Dent, Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana, whose subject will be The Function of the Liberal Arts College.

The Committee is asking you to use as a general topic The Negro College and Minority Group Technique. The program has been extended to one hour and forty-five minutes. The other speakers will have twenty minutes each, and you will have thirty minutes. All have agreed to come.

Sincerely yours,

H. P. Tillman

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA. GEORGIA

January 17, 1942

Dear Mr. DuBois:

18-52-12

In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Government about reporting payment of salaries of $750 or more to a single person and $1,500 or more to a married person, your salary for 1941 from Atlanta University was reported as $4,500.00.

If you have any question about the amount, please see me, or leave your inquiry with Mrs. Nabrit without delay.

Sincerely yours

Florence M. Read

Treasurer

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

FMR.C

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

From Phylon News Bureau

Every once in a while someone remarks that the Egyptians were Negroes and immediately raises a storm of denial from others. The Egyptians were not Negroes but they did have large infiltration of Negro blood so that the whole nation had a mulatto character and now and then distinctly black folk took prominent part in the nation's history. The current number of PHYLON, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture, carries as its frontispiece a picture of a black woman whom the greatest Egyptologist calls the "most venerated figure in Egyptian history". She was Nefertari, wife of the Pharaoh Aahmes, head of the Eighteenth Dynasty, and founder of the new kingdom of Egypt which led to its greatest glory. Nefertari was always pictured as uncompromisingly black on Egyptian monuments and was without doubt of Negro descent.

The current number of PHYLON contributes invaluable information to the greatest problem facing American Negroes, that is, the question of employment during and after the war. If the Negro establishes himself in America with a decent income sufficient for civilized living his future is assured; otherwise he is doomed. Charles Johnson of Fisk University presents a picture of the Negro in the railway industry where 162,000 Negroes were employed in 1930. Dr. Weaver of the Office of Production Management finishes his story of the integration of Negro workers into the defense industry, showing notable progress in ship-building, the making of airplanes and in other mechanical industries.

Many persons will be interested in the picture which William Stanley Braithwaite draws of himself as manager of a little book store in Newport during the gay nineties. Celebrities of the fashionable and literary world frequented his shop and there he began his literary career. The current PHYLON carries a fourth installment of Mr. Braithwaite's fascinating autobiography.

We almost forget today the place which Canada has played in the emancipation of the American Negro. It was long a land of promise and thither the mobbed black victims of the thirties fled for succor. The settlements around Windsor and Ottawa are known but less is known of the migration of Negroes from California to Victoria. This story is told in the current PHYLON and relates a forgotten period of our history between 1858 and 1868.

The current PHYLON has some interesting pictures: black Nefertari of Egypt, a woodcut of the decisive battle of Milliken's Bend, the new home of the American Legation in Monrovia and the Supreme Court and members of the bar of the Bahama Islands. There are also notable articles and poems.

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22 January 1942

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

26 January 1942

Memo to President Read:

18-52 43

With regard to the salary which you have reported to the government: I have previously indic ted that as a matter of fact this report is not correct; that I received during the year 1941 from Atlanta University $3,888; but that in addition to this I received board and room which the University estimates as being worth $612. As a matter of fact, the exact worth of this room and board is in question because the same board is furnished to other persons at a smaller sum.

The reason that I bring this up, however, is not to quibble about the room and board but it is the practice which I have always regarded as little less than insulting of having my bills paid out of my pay check before the check comes to my hands. This is an old custom which arose in Southern AMA schools when teachers were given board, lodging and travel and a stipulated sum in addition. It is a custom which ought to be abolished. If teachers in this institution cannot be trusted to pay their debts after they get their checks they have no business here. I have offered to pay my board and room in advance but the check was returned.

I should like to ask, therefore, whether you would prefer to have the question of the value of room and board brought up before the Income Tax authorities or hereafter pay me my full salary in accordance with your incorrect statements to the Government.

Miss Florence M. Read, Treasurer
Atlanta University
Atlanta

29 January 1942

Memo to President Clement:

The University has four steel bookcases stored in the men's locker room. Could two of them be allocated, even temporarily, to rooms 209 and 210 Administration Building?

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta

18-54-81

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM TO DOCTOR DUBOIS

I regret that it will not be practicable to allocate to your offices two of the four steel bookcases which you state are stored in the men's locker room.

Rufus E. Clement

January 30, 1942

(ATLANTA UNIV.)

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

January 31, 1942

18-52-44

Memorandum to Dr. DuBois:

In reply to your memorandum of January 26, permit me to say that I do not see that any change in our procedure can be made at this time. I agree wholly with you that teachers should have the habit of paying their bills promptly. Unfortunately, in other institutions with which I have been connected, they do not pay their bills for board promptly when the initiative is theirs. The experience which we have in collecting the small bills for guests of teachers does not lead me to be optimistic about the results if we should try that method here. It has for some time been one of my concerns that we seem to fail to develop more financial responsibility in both students and teachers. While you might think that the change in procedure would bring out the responsibility to match it, I am exceedingly doubtful whether it could be done without great waste of time. With our present staff and in the situation we are, I believe the time can be spent to better advantage in other ways than in making collections from teachers. It would seem to me unwise to put that added burden upon our business offices just now.

These remarks are not based on theory. They are based on experience. Too many of our teachers do not pay their bills promptly, get into debt and even into the hands of the loan sharks.

There is another factor that would enter into the situation with us. A good many of the members of our staff do not have bank accounts. I think they would prefer to have the charge for room and board deducted from the checks than be bothered to pay in cash.

Florence M. Read

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

FMR:dd

2 February 1942

Memo to President Clement:

I am asked to speak at Hampton Institute, Friday, February thirteenth, during Negro History week.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta

[ATLANTA UNIV., 1942]

Dr. DuBois:

The President was of the following opinions;

1. This should not be a closed seminar, but a group of lectures open to as many people as wished to hear EFF.

2. That the lectures should not be regarded as an extension of the Atlanta University Conferences since the University is paying the expenses out of a lecture fund specifically designed for special lecturers.

3. Printing announcements is not possible. Arrangements may be made for having them mimeographed and distributed through the publicity office. I attach a sample of 36lb. stock on which the announcements may be mimeographed.

18-52-9

4. Will you extend the invitations to Mr. Chivers and Mr. Washington ?

5. I shall look after the publicity through the office, if you wish and arrange for the mimeographing.

6. I shall continue working on the development of the week's program, and on the collection of materials for charts. As soon as these data are ready I shallbring them to your attention.

February 4

Ira De A. Reid

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

6 February 1942

01-25-81

Memo to Mr. Reid:

I am sending invitations to Mr. Chivers and Mr. Washington. I should be very glad if you would look after the publicity and arrange for the mimeographing.

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta

6 February 1942

Memo to President Clement:

Is there any chance for further NYA assistance in this office? The young man assigned is going to the army.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 11, 1942

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Unfortunately our NYA fund was cut 40% for the remainder of the year. At the same time we are not allowed to place new people on the list to receive aid from these funds. I regret, therefore, that we shall not be able to make a further assignment to your office during this year.

Yours very truly

Rufus E. Clement

REC:TBK

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

FEBRUARY 25, 1942

MEMORANDUM

To : DR. W. E. B. DUBOIS

FROM : DR. IRA DEA. REID

SUBJECT: LECTURES OF E. FRANKLIN FRAZIER

18-52-11

DEAR DR. DUBOIS:

THE PUBLICITY OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY IS HAVING POSTERS MADE ANNOUNCING THE LECTURES OF DR. FRAZIER. ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE GOING TO THE PRESS, AND TO THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS. MEANWHILE, I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR YOU TO WRITE TO THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS OF THE ATLANTA COLLEGES, ASKING THEIR PARTICIPATION. IT WOULD BE A FAVOR FOR US IF MR. WASHINGTON WOULD BRING THESE LECTURES TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ATLANTA SOCIAL WORKERS. WE ALSO MIGHT INVITE AND SOLICIT THE AID OF MR. W. Y. BELL, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ATLANTA URBAN LEAGUE, IN THIS EFFORT.

I ATTACH A COPY OF MY LETTER TO DR. FRAZIER.

/s

COPY TO: DR. DUBOIS [ENC]

FEBRUARY 25, 1942

18-52-18

DEAR FRAZIER:

THE OFFICIAL POINT OF VIEW ABOUT DISTINGUISHED VISITORS COMING TO A CULTURAL ISLAND LIKE "THE SOUTH" IS THIS--USE THEM IN AS EXTENSIVE A WAY AS POSSIBLE. HENCE, WHAT DR. DUBOIS AND I PLANNED TO CALL SEMINARS WE END UP CALLING LECTURES. THESE GROUPS WILL BE TOO LARGE FOR INTENSIVE DISCUSSION.

YOUR FORMAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK INCLUDES TWO LECTURES ON "THE CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN FAMILY", ONE OF WHICH WE HAVE CALLED "THE AMERICAN NEGRO FAMILY". THESE WILL BE GIVEN ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, AND TUESDAY, MARCH 10, AT 7:30 P. M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12, AT 11 A. M., YOU WILL ADDRESS THE ALL-UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION. IN BETWEEN THESE FORMAL PRESENTATIONS WE SHALL WANT TO HAVE YOU AVAILABLE FOR SUCH CLASSES AND DISCUSSIONS AS YOUR MOOD AND HUMOR WILL DICTATE.

THE PUBLICITY OFFICE IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE A BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT ABOUT YOU, AND A PHOTOGRAPH (OR CUT, OR MAT). PLEASE SEND THESE TO ME IMMEDIATELY. IN ADDITION WE WANT TO KNOW THE SUBJECT OF YOUR CONVOCATION ADDRESS. THE CONVOCATION IS ATTENDED BY ALL STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.

IF YOU WILL GET THESE THINGS TO ME IMMEDIATELY, AND, IN ADDITION LET ME KNOW THE TIME OF YOUR ARRIVAL IN ATLANTA WE SHALL BE ABLE TO CONCLUDE OUR PLANS.

CORDIALLY,

IRA DEA. REID

DR. E. FRANKLIN FRAZIER
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ENCLOSURE.

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[ENCLOSURE]

THE INTEREST OF ATLANTA UNIVERSITY IN THE INSTITUTION OF THE FAMILY IS ONE OF LONG STANDING. FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY CONDUCTED FORMAL RESEARCHES ON NEGRO CITY LIFE WHICH STUDIED SOME ASPECTS OF THE NEGRO FAMILY. THIS WAS FOLLOWED IN 1906 BY A STUDY OF THE HEALTH AND PHYSIQUE OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO WHICH INCLUDED A STUDY OF FAMILY LIFE. THEN IN 1908 A CONFERENCE WAS HELD ON THE AMERICAN NEGRO FAMILY WHICH WAS THE FIRST STUDY DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO NEGRO FAMILY LIFE AND THE FIRST CONFERENCE ON THAT SUBJECT.

WITHIN THESE FORTY-FIVE YEARS THE CHANGES IN FAMILY ORGANIZATION AND PROBLEMS, AND THE CHANGES IN METHODS OF STUDYING THIS BASIC INSTITUTION OF OUR CULTURE HAVE BEEN MANIFOLD.

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY IS PLEASED TO PRESENT THESE LECTURES ON THE CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN FAMILY BY DR. FRAZIER, A FOREMOST SCHOLAR IN THIS FIELD.

Encl. D

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

THE FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

ANNOUNCES TWO LECTURES

ON

THE AMERICAN FAMILY

BY

E. FRANKLIN FRAZIER, PH. D.

CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
AND
DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

IN

THE EXHIBITION ROOM

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

MONDAY AND TUESDAY EVENINGS, MARCH 9 AND 10, 1942
AT
7:30 O'CLOCK

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MONDAY, MARCH 9.

7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING — W. E. B. DuBOIS
CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

THE CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN FAMILY

E. FRANKLIN FRAZIER

DISCUSSANT — WALTER R. CHIVERS
PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY, MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

DISCUSSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 10.

7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING — FORRESTER B. WASHINGTON
DIRECTOR, ATLANTA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

THE AMERICAN NEGRO FAMILY

E. FRANKLIN FRAZIER

DISCUSSANT — IRA DE A. REID
PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY

DISCUSSION

[ENCL.?]

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SELECTED READINGS

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   No. 13, "The Negro American Family" 1908

2. Baber, Roy E. Marriage and the Family. New York, McGraw Hill Co., 1939

3. Folsom, J. K. The Family, Its Sociology and Social Psychiatry. New York, John Wiley, 193

4. Frazier, E. F. The Negro Family in Chicago Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 19

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6. Waller, Willard O. The Family, A Dynamic Institution. New York, The Dryden Press, 1938

These volumes are on reserve at the Atlanta University Library and will be made available for use in the Reserve Book Room to members of the Seminar.

[ATLANTA UNIV]

26 February 1942

Memo to Mr. Reid:

I am writing to the heads of the departments in the social sciences of Clark, Morris Brown, Gammon and Booker T. Washington High School. I presume you did not have in mind Emory, Agnes Scott or Georgia Tech. I should be glad to write them if you think it would do any good. I have also written to Mr. Bell of the Urban League. In the case of Mr. Washington you suggest that he "bring these lectures to the attention of the Atlanta social workers." Do you mean social workers in general in the city or students in the School of Social Work? I think your outlines are very interesting.

18-52-12

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta

26 February 1942

My dear Mr. Sage:

For reasons which I do not altogether understand there is to be no especial celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Atlanta University. Morehouse has just finished a very interesting celebration. I think it would be unfortunate to let our anniversary go by without doing something to commemorate the extraordinary career of this institution. I have, therefore, approached some of the descendants of the Yale class of '63 who founded this institution asking if they would be willing to contribute to a memorial number of PHYLON to be issued in April. I plan to print notices of the founders and early teachers, an estimate of the work of the institution and something about its more distinguished graduates.

I-284-81

I should like to add fifty pages to the usual one hundred pages of PHYLON and I am trying to raise at least five hundred dollars. I write to ask if you know anyone connected with the Yale class of '63 or with Edward Ware's class who might be able and willing to contribute to this object. I should be obliged for any suggestions you might make. Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes gave me the names of some persons to whom I have written including Mrs. Dorothy Whitney Elmhirst, Mr. Stimson, the Secretary of War and Graham Sumner.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Dean Sage
49 Wall Street
New York City

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA. GEORGIA

FEBRUARY 27, 1942

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IN RE: DR. FRAZIER'S LECTURES.

DEAR MISS DIGGS:

REFERRING TO DR. DUBOIS' COMMUNICATION OF FEBRUARY 26, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT I SHOULD LIKE FOR MR. WASHINGTON TO INVITE BOTH THE SOCIAL WORKERS OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, AS WELL AS THE STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK.

SINCERELY,

Ira DeA. Reid HS

IRA DEA. REID

MISS IRENE DIGGS
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

IDR/HS

[ATLANTA UNIV]

2 March 1942

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Miss Ruthie Bronson has taken a make-up examination in SOCIAL THEORY with a mark of "B".

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[ATLANTA UNIV]

3 March 1942

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Mr. L. F. Foster is absent from his classes a good deal. I think he ought to be checked on.

18-57

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University

3 March 1942

65-84-81

Memo to President Clement:

At the last meeting of the editorial board of PHYLON it was voted to ask the administration to contribute one hundred dollars outside the regular appropriation for the seventy-fifth anniversary number of PHYLON. As I am now planning for this number, I should like to know your decision concerning this proposed appropriation.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

DEAN SAGE
49 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

March 5, 1942.

Professor W.E.B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

21-847-81

I acknowledge your letter of February 26th concerning an addition to Phylon in commemoration of Atlanta's coming 75th Anniversary.

I do not know any members of the Class of 1863. If you have not already written them, I suggest the following names from the Class of 1897, which was Ed Ware's Class:

Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin, 80 Claremont Avenue, New York,
Thatcher M. Brown, 59 Wall Street, New York,
Lyman M. Bass, Marine Trust Building, Buffalo, N.Y.
Arthur W. Bell, 72 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.
Robert W. Carle, 153 Water Street, New York,
Rev. George B. Cutten, Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y.
Walter L. Goodwin, Hartford, Conn.
Albert B. Kerr, University, Va.
Cornelius P. Kitchel, 43 Cedar Street, New York,
D. Irving Mead, South Brooklyn Savings Bank, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Amos R. E. Pinchot, 101 Park Avenue, New York,
Victor Sutro, 3019 P Street, Washington, D.C.

I would prefer not to have my name used as being identified with the solicitation of the fund, but have no objection to a statement that I am identified with the University if you choose to make it.

I fear that you will not obtain any substantial contributions from the above list. Most of the members of the Class of 1897 who had funds for disbursement in such a connection have died.

I am glad to enclose my own check for $25. for the purpose you have in mind, the same to revert to Atlanta University in the event that your plan does not go through.

The occasion for no anniversary celebration is that the Trustees decided otherwise last fall.

Sincerely,

Dean Sage

DS.D.P.

Encl.

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

Memorandum to Chairmen of Departments:

We are writing to remind you that all applications for Admission to Candidacy for Degrees in June or July should be filed in our office not later than Monday, March 9.

Be sure to have every student who has a chance of finishing his work make application.

John P. Whittaker
Registrar

March 6, 1942

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[Atlanta U. A.U.]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Phylon

March 6, 1942

Dear Doctor DuBois:

13-84-81

According to the budget under which we are now working, as approved by the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees, the University's contribution to Phylon is limited to $2,000 for this fiscal year. I regret that I have no authority to exceed this limitation.

May I request that at your earliest convenience you send me a copy of the proposed budget for Volume 3 of PHYLON. I have not seen the budget which should have been presented and approved prior to this time.

Very truly yours

Rufus E. Clement

REC:TBK

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

9 March 1942

18-4-60

Memo to President Clement:

The PHYLON budget as of March first will be sent you this week as soon as I hear from Mr. A. A. Reid.

Plans for the next issue of PHYLON have necessarily been awaiting a decision in the case as to what funds we should have to expend. Having heard from you I am now exploring other sources.

In consulting Mr. Townes concerning the old teachers of Atlanta University and graduates, he mentioned that he had received from your office a questionnaire of prominent Atlanta University graduates. I should like to know if you have any plans for publicity concerning these as I should not PHYLON plans to duplicate in any way anything that you are doing.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

March 9, 1942

To Chairmen of Departments:

18-51-4

The 1941-1942 catalogue is now being edited, and I am asking you and your colleagues to look over that section of the catalogue pertaining to your department and to advise me of any deletions, corrections, revisions, or additions in the description of courses.

We shall appreciate having this information in this office not later than Monday, March 23.

Very truly yours,

John P. Whittaker

John P. Whittaker
Registrar

JPW:B

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Office of the President

March 11, 1942

Dear Doctor DuBois:

The editor of the Atlanta University Bulletin informs me that plans for the July number include a pictorial review of the History of Atlanta University, an announcement of the results of a poll now being taken among the alumni to determine the ten outstanding graduates of the University (with accompanying pictures and biographical sketches), and short notices (with pictures of the six presidents of the University).

If this is not clear or the information insufficient, either Miss Williams or I will gladly discuss this matter with you.

Yours very truly

Rufus E. Clement

REC:TBK

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

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13 March 1942

Memo to President Clement:

I have been invited by the United States Government through the American Council of Learned Societies and the Office of Inter-American Affairs to attend a meeting on African culture in America to be held at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, April thirteenth to eighteenth. Among the other representatives invited are Charles S. Johnson of Fisk, Rayford W. Logan, Professor Herskovits, Richard Pattee and others. The notice reached me this morning by airmail special delivery and I am asked to wire immediately my willingness to attend.

It would be possible for me to arrange my work both in the class room and on PHYLON so as to attend this meeting if you are willing that I should do so. May I hear from you today?

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

14-69-81

March 13, 1942

Dear Doctor DuBois:

We shall be glad to have you accept the invitation to attend the meeting on African Culture in America at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, April 13 - 18.

Sincerely yours

Rufus E. Clement

REC:TBK

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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Office of the President

March 17, 1942

Dear Doctor DuBois:

I wish to acknowledge your memorandum of March 13 enclosing plans for the 75th Anniversary number of Phylon and the proposed budget for the second quarter.

May I call your attention again to the fact that the budget for the calendar year should be submitted as a single budget rather than by quarters, as it is necessary to plan for the publication of the magazine during the whole year. I call your attention to this because I notice that on the budget proposed for the second quarter of 1942 there is a tentative balance of only $60.15.

The University expects to contribute $500 to the publication of Volume 3, No. 3, and $500 toward the publication of Volume 3, No. 4. Recently we have been spending in the neighborhood of $690 for each issue. Since most of our subscription income is received during the first quarter of each year, we can not count upon any considerable money from this source. This simply means that the magazine must be materially reduced in size and the expenses curtailed during the next two quarters, the third and the fourth, or we must secure new money.

In respect to the materials to be published in the 75th Anniversary number, please let me state that I shall want to approve all of the matter before it goes to press. We must have no needless duplication between Phylon and the University Bulletin.

I expect to leave Atlanta on Wednesday, March 25, not to return before the 8th or 9th of April.

Yours very truly

Rufus E. Clement

REC:TBK

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

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19 March 1942

18-48-52

Memo to President Clement:

I am proposing to publish this chronology of Atlanta University on the third page of the cover of the next number of PHYLON. Will you kindly look it over and make any suggestions? I should like to have it back Friday, March 20, if possible.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

19 March 1942

12-48-55

Memo to President Clement:

Miss Templeton tells me that all of the photographs of former teachers and graduates which were deposited in the library by Mr. Whittaker at the request of the late Dr. Adams have been sent to your office. May I examine them with a view to using some of them in the memorial number of PHYLON?

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 19, 1942

25-87-8

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Referring to your memorandum of March 19, let me state that the photographs of former teachers and graduates are in the custody of the publicity department. Miss Dorothy Williams has charge of these photographs. I shall be glad to let you see what we have.

Yours very truly

Rufus E. Clement

REC:TBK

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 20, 1942

18-54

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Will you please turn in to my office, not later than Tuesday morning, March 31, a report of the work of your department for the present school year.

The information is to be used in connection with the President's annual report.

Sincerely yours

Rufus E. Clement

REC:TBK

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Office of the President

March 20, 1942

Dear Doctor DuBois:

I am returning the chronology of Atlanta University and the affiliated and associated institutions. There are two items which are misleading and which probably should be changed--the first, ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTA UNIVERSITY WITH MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE might better read MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE MOVES INTO EARLY ATLANTA UNIVERSITY PLANT; the second, ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTA UNIVERSITY WITH CLARK COLLEGE could be stated CLARK COLLEGE MOVES TO NEW CAMPUS ADJACENT TO ATLANTA UNIVERSITY.

In theory and in fact, the association between these institutions and Atlanta University began before the dates indicated in the chronological table.

Yours very truly

Rufus E. Clement

REC:TBK
Enclosure

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

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[ATLANTA UNIV]

20 March 1942

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I am engaged in PHYLON work Monday and have excused my two classes for the day. They have assigned duties.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta

24 March 1942

Memo to President Clement:

Your letter of March 17 has just reached me today, March 24, as you will see by the enclosure.

18-4851

You may rest assured that PHYLON will not exceed its budget. It has not done so in the last two years and it will not do so this year. I did not make a forecast for the whole year as it would have been similar to the past years and more or less estimate. I will, however, send you within a day or so a proposed budget covering the year 1942.

All articles in PHYLON are each quarter submitted to you in the paged proof and I shall see that this is done for the ensuing number. I have already sent you an outline of what we propose to print.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[ATLANTA UNIV]

27 March 1942

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Have you a list of Atlanta University college graduates who have died since the publication of Dr. Adam's history?

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta

30 March 1942

18-54-25

Memo to President Clement:

As you have noted from my last memorandum the conference in Haiti is cancelled.

I am asked to fill the following engagements during the week of the nineteenth of April:

a lecture at Vassar College;
a lecture at Yale University before the sociology club of the graduate school and before one of the classes in sociology;
a meeting of the general committee of the Committee on Africa and Peace Aims at the office of the Phelps Stokes Fund.

I should be glad to fill these dates if you have no objections.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

7 April 1942

Memorandum to President Clement:

Here are the first galleys of PHYLON. The rest will be sent you later. You will be chiefly interested in Galley 18, my CULTURAL MISSIONS OF ATLANTA UNIVERSITY. Messrs. Reid and Cook have read and corrected these. Messrs. Tillman and Coulborn are reading them. I should be glad to have any corrections or suggestions from you.

18-48-54

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

8 April 1942

Memo to President Clement:

Enclosed is a copy of the auditor's report for March 31, 1942.

In 1941 my proposed budget as given you November eleventh forecasted an income of $3,250. The actual income was $3,203.27. I am enclosing a proposed budget from April 1 through December 31, 1942.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[ATLANTA UNIV]

Memo FROM RUFUS E. CLEMENT

To: Dr. DuBois

I shall be glad to have you fill the engagements during the week of April 19 listed in your memorandum of March 30.

18-54

Rufus E. Clement

April 8, 1942

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

9 April 1942

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Will you kindly look this over and criticize it? Are there any omissions of people who must be included? Are there any inclusions of people who certainly ought not to be there?

18-51

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

9 April 1942

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I have no suggestions for revision or additions in the description of courses. Under my name in the faculty roster I should like to have added "Knight Commander of the Liberian Order of African Redemption". It is customary in European universities to have such citations listed along with degrees. If, however, there is any rule against this in our catalogue, of course you will use your judgment.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

For immediate release
15 April 1942

News release

PHYLON, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture, has appeared for the second quarter, 1942. This issue is in celebration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the founding of Atlanta University and is in many respects, in size, illustration and variety of articles an outstanding production.

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The cultural missions of Atlanta University are set forth by the editor, W. E. B. Du Bois; while George A. Towns, long a teacher in the old Atlanta, writes of the sources of its tradition. Edward A. Johnson, formerly a member of the New York Legislature has an article on his student days; and the astonishing work of the Neighborhood Union in social uplift is recounted. The careers of one hundred graduates of Atlanta University are briefly set forth.

In addition to the articles directly touching upon the University, W. J. Trent, Jr. of the Federal Works Agency in Washington shows how the Federal Government has been restraining race discrimination in the states. Charles S. Johnson concludes his study of the Negro in the railway industry. William Stanley Braithwaite writes the fifty part of his interesting autobiography. There is the usual chronicle of race relations, reviews of several outstanding books on race relations and an interesting posteript "Looking seventy-five years backward".

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In the current PHYLON, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture, one must not miss reading Mercer Cook's striking poem, "Quandary in Georgia"

Just between us white men,
Should I flog him?
Should I smile?
When I called the nigger,
"NIGGER!"

The nigger answered,

"HELL!"

Professor Cook has just been asked to serve on the International Editorial Board of Free World conducted by a group of outstanding European and American scholars.

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The current PHYLON, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture, emphasizes that Atlanta University has had four cultural missions: higher education, racial equality, academic freedom and democracy and social power. This makes the educational work of Atlanta outstanding. New portraits of the six presidents drawn by Hale Woodruff are printed.

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A very lovely frontispiece in color appears in the current PHYLON, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture. This is a reproduction of the Tiffany window made for the Department of Sociology in 1909 "To deep the memory of John Howard Hincks, Dean and First Professor of Sociology in Atlanta University."

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When in 1871 a governor of Georgia headed the visiting committee who examined the work of Atlanta University the following was said

> "At every step of the examination we were impressed with the fallacy of the popular idea (which, in common with thousands of others, a majority of the undersigned have heretofore entertained) that the members of the African race are not capable of a high grade of intellectual culture."

The current number of PHYLON, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture, shows how from these days the University has grown in influence especially have its graduates shown unusual efficiency in establishing the public schools of Georgia and manning the private schools and also in social uplift. The present AtlantaUniversity School of Social Work grew out of the efforts of the Neighborhood Union first in ordinary charity and then in organized work that covered the whole city of Atlanta.

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Memo FROM RUFUS E. CLEMENT

To: Dr. DuBois

I have received the proposed PHYLON budget for the period April 1 - December 31, 1942.

The budget has my approval.

18-48-58

Rufus E. Clement

April 16, 1942

[Atlanta Univ]

20 April 1942

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I am lecturing this week at Vassar and Yale with the consent of President Clement.

I have asked Miss Diggs to take my classes during that time.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

April 28, 1942

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To Chairmen of Departments:

We are writing to solicit your cooperation in the following matters relative to closing up the work of graduate students who are candidates for graduation in June:

1) Theses are due in this office on or before Monday, May 4th.

2) In accordance with the resolution passed by the Educational Council, the schedule for the final comprehensive examinations for the master's degree is to be published. In order that this may be done, we are asking you to furnish us with such a schedule for your department not later than Friday, May 15th.

3) In accordance with the resolution passed by the Educational Council, all work, including course examinations and final comprehensive examinations for the master's degree, and reports on all of these, should be on file in this office not later than the close of the day Monday, May 25th. All students failing to complete their work by that date will either have to go over to the summer school or to the following academic year.

John P. Whittaker
Registrar

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

May 5, 1942

18-51

Memorandum to Dr. DuBois:

Yesterday, May 4, was the day on which theses were to be turned in. Kindly advise us as to the students in the department of Sociology who are to be candidates for graduation in June.

John P. Whittaker

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

6 May 1942

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Mr. Bridges's thesis is not satisfactory and I do not see how it possibly can be finished this year.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

7 May 1942

Memo to President Clement:

Enclosed is a copy of the auditor's report which I presume has already reached you. In addititon to this I am sending you an estimated budget of PHYLON from May 1, 1942 to December 31, 1942:

the cash balance April 30 was	$628.24
the appropriation from the University general fund is	1,500.00
there is due on the special anniversary fund	100.00
the probable income from May 1 to December 31 may be estimated at the minimum of	450.00
this will make total resources of	2,678.24

I have today certified bills to the amount of $978.39 minus the discounts. An unpaid telephone bill is already in your possession for $6.25; a binding bill of $63 should be paid within a month or so.

The printing cost of the July number I estimate at $400. The cost of the October number, $417. The engraving for these two numbers may be estimated at $75. The reserve for secretarial assistance is $450 and the office expenses for the seven months and extra clerical help, $250. Making a total expense of $2,639.64.

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-48-81 7-5-7

(ATLANTA UNIV.)

Memo FROM RUFUS E. CLEMENT

12-9-56

To: Dr. DuBois

This will acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of May 7 listing the anticipated income and expenditures of PHYLON for the remainder of this calendar year.

The copy of the auditor's report was not enclosed.

Rufus E. Clement

May 8, 1942

14 May 1942

18-54-26

Memo to President Clement:

I am asked to attend the final meeting of the Phelps Stokes Fund Committee on Peace Aims in Africa in New York, Saturday, May twenty-third and also to address a mass meeting in Washington on the Friday night before. This absence will not interfere with my classes as the classes will be busy with final written examinations and reports. Unless you object, therefore, I shall accept the invitations.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[ATLANTA UNIV]

Memo FROM RUFUS E. CLEMENT

18-64-32

Memorandum to Dr. DuBois

There is no objection to your attending the Phelps-Stokes committee meeting in New York on May 23, and the meeting in Washington the Friday night before.

Rufus E. Clement

May 19, 1942

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

18-54-29

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 26, 1942

Dear Doctor DuBois:

May I remind you of the balance of $50.00 on your pledge of $100.00 to the Ware Memorial Fund. You may recall that pledges were to be paid by June 30, 1942, so that the University might take advantage of the General Education Board's offer to match these funds.

I shall appreciate your attention to this.

Sincerely yours

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

REC.C

29 May 1942

18-54-33

Dear President Clement:

I have just turned over to the Accountant of Atlanta University a check for fifty dollars in favor of PHYLON to be applied to the expenses of the special Seventy-Fifth Atlanta University Anniversary edition. I should like to have this fifty dollars count as my contribution to Atlanta University which I had previously promised but had designated at that time as a contribution to the Edmund Asa Ware Chair in Sociology.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIV.

29 May 1942

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Rambo, who is a candidate for the Master of Arts degree in Sociology, is another case of insufficient preparation. He is notably weak in English and in general knowledge and ability to express himself logically. Until he is able to supplement his poor background, his candidacy for the Master of Arts degree should not be considered as at all possible.

18-51

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University

(ATLANTA UNIV)

Memo FROM RUFUS E. CLEMENT

19-54-30

To: Dr. DuBois

Thank you for your memorandum of May 29. May I say, in acknowledgment, that the University appreciates your contribution of $50.00 to Phylon, but regrets the fact that you you feel now that you cannot pay the $50.00 balance on your pledge to the Ware Fund.

Rufus E. Clement

May 30, 1942

1 June 1942

18-5-27

Memo to President Clement:

In order for me to get out the third issue of PHYLON for 1942, it will be necessary for me to stay in Atlanta until the first week in July. I arrived her September twenty-first and have paid nine months board and room rent which would bring my payments up to June twenty-first. From June twenty-first until the first week in July I would expect to pay board and room rent at the same rate. Kindly let me know if this is agreeable with you.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[ATLANTA U.]

4 June 1942

18-52.32

Memo to Mr. Reid:

I have just sent the enclosed notice to President Clement.

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

4 June 1942

18-54-31

Memo to President Clement:

I shall represent the Department of Sociology on the Educational Council during the scholastic year 1942-1943.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

5 June 1942

18-54-28

Memo to President Clement:

I am enclosing a copy of the accountant's statement of the present condition of the finances of PHYLON and in addition to that a proposed budget for PHYLON during the last six months of the year 1942.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

June 10, 1942

To: Dr. W.E.B.DuBois

From: Ira De A. Reid

SUBJECT: Representation on Educational Council.

I was astounded by your memorandum to President Clement informing him that you would be the 1942-1943 representative of the Department of Sociology on the Educational Council.

It happens that the faculty decided that a departmental representative would be selected by the members of a department and not by the arbitrary edict of a chairman.

I have no objection to your being the representative of this department if you are now interested in assuming and carrying through that responibility and that of Department Chairman . However, I most strenuously object to the highhanded method you pursued in securing what you wanted. I, therefore, do not concur in your proposal.

Ira

[ATLANTA 4WRD]

11 June 1942

18-52-28

Memo to Mr. Reid:

You have probably forgotten that when I asked you to represent the Department on the Education Council you said that you would on condition that I would represent it the following year.

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

11 June 1942

18-48-81 C9-87

Memo to President Clement:

What if any change in wording here is necessary for PHYLON, Vol. III, No. 3?

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta

[ATLANTA U.]

W. E. B. DU BOIS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

EDITORIAL OFFICE OF PHYLON

16 June 1942

18-52-37

Memo to Mr. Reid:

There comes the question of a telephone connection during the summer: we can have the telephones temporarily discontinued if we pay one-half the fee we are paying now, that is, if you pay $1.57 a month; or the extension can be entirely disconnected, in which case, there will be no charge but also there will be no guarantee that re-connection can be made in the fall. Please let me know this week what you desire to do.

WEBDuBois

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Retain connection at half fee for summer period. Please advise dates covering this service

6/17/42

[ATLANTA U.]

27 June 1942

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Leland Foster should have a mark of B for his work in RACE PROBLEMS, second semester 1941-42.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta

18-54-34

30 June 1942

Memo to President Clement:

With your permission I should like to keep my board and room in the dormitory for the first week of July, that is, until the morning of July eighth. I shall, of course, expect to pay for the extra time.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

Memo FROM PRESIDENT CLEMENT

18-54-36

July 1, 1942

Dear Dr. DuBois

You may remain in the dormitory until the morning of July 8 as you requested.

Yours very truly,

Rufus E. Clement

REC:J

Dr. W. E. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta Univ.]

2 July 1942

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

18-51-6

May I ask if Dr. Weiss is going to be on the Atlanta University staff in sociology for the school year 1942-43 and if so, how much of her time we may count upon?

I am sending enclosed a proposal of the fall work which I have sent Mr. Reid and also a proposal of the general over-hauling of the sociology courses which I have sent to Mr. Reid and the President. This over-hauling would come into complete effect in the second semester 1943.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta Ga.
1942

W. E. DuBois;

This is very Confidential.

Kindly read and return — with any comments or observations that you care to make.

Mr. Kendall Weisiger lives there in Atlanta and a member of the Board.

W. E. B.

10-10-35

[July (?) 1942]

COPIES

Dr. Du Bois:

This is very confidential. Kindly read and return, with any comments or observtions that you can make.

Mr. Kendall Weisiger lives there in Atlanta and is a member of the Board

W.R.Banks.

Enclosures

Dear Mr. Banks:

This is the letter I finally sent Mr. Sage. If it does not bring a satfying response, I have a stronger one to follow it.

I was reassurd when I learned of your concurrence -- I feel that we need another President. So does Dr. Alexander and Mr. Weltner.

I tried to feel Wheeler out, but he did not respond.

I have talked with all the presidents, except Miss R. and Mr. Brawley, about possibilities for closer relationship. Have a date to talk with Davage when he comes to town. They all want closer cooperation.

McLean of Hampton told me of some things he had picked up. All the stories I hear seem to fit together. The need for action is up to us now.

Sincerely,

Kendall Weisiger

July 7 (I942)

June 23, I942

Dear Mr. Sage:

I'm sorry you could not attend the annual meeting -- it went off very well. Morehouse made a very creditable report-- in Mays, I feel we have found an excellent man.

The proposal about Morris Brown was well received -- no opposition of any kind developed and for this, I was much pleased. I still regret that it took us so long to have done it. It appears that our action was precipitated by pressure from Morris Brown's white supporters in Atlanta, rather than from our generous spirit.

In the meeting, I raised the point that I could not explain to prospective givers the difference in status between the affiliates and the nonaffiliates. Miss Read and Mr. Arnett endeavored to inform me, but I still do not think it a valid arrangement and said so. I proposed that we stop talking about the affiliation and that we speak of our cooperative enterprise as one embracing, as full partners, all seven of the institutions and this appeared to meet with unaminous approval.

I feel strongly that we have not been as active as we should have been in promoting the fullest cooperation. I feel that the time has now come for us to do so.

~~I feel strongly that we have not been as active as we should have been~~ I also feel that we cannot claim to be a university system in the full sense of the word until the fullest cooperation has been perfected.

Our physical progress has been impressive but our educational progress has by no means kept pace with it. Sometimes I wonder if we are as interested as we should be in developingthe outstanding System that the University deserves to be -- its possibilities are limitless. It could under wise and generous leadership become for Colored people the greatest educational center in the world!

This is not my feeling alone, for it is shared by several of our trustees, and by many of the leading Negroes within the community, and elsewhere throughout the country, who feel that the university development of the has not progressed at the rate, or in the manner that they had hoped for.

I have therefore proposed, at the recent meeting of the Executive Committee, that President Clement call together the heads of the other six schools and lay before them the opportunity of working out together a "Compact of Cooperation", whereby all of them would feel that they were sharing alike in the formulation of a well-balanced and effective educational program, and this he promised to do. I should like to see such a program worked out in time for presentation to the Board at its Fall Meeting. I hope that you will direct Clement to carry out this suggestion. He undoubtedly needs motivation.

My feeling about the situation at the University will I know not be pleasantly received by you, but I shouldbe negligent as a trustee if I did not express it to you since it has been growing for the past several years. It crystallized in my mind after the last meeting of the Board

Sincersly yours
(Kendall Weisiger)

18-44-83

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

MEMORANDUM TO DR. DUBOIS

You will find enclosed a check from Atlanta University for $15.35 , which is the amount you paid Mrs. Strong for board.

If all members of the faculty and staff were as prompt about looking after their financial obligations as you are, we could put into operation the system you prefer. But unfortunately that is not so, and we have to make the administration of University accounts as simple as possible. Sorry!

Florence M. Read

July 30, 1942

Enclosure: check

18-52

[ENK]

CHECK ATTACHED IN PAYMENT OF ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	EXPLANATION	AMOUNT	DEDUCTIONS				NET
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18-52	Refund of payment of 7/7/42	$15.35					

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

SETTLEMENT_____

IF ANY DIFFERENCE IN SETTLEMENT RETURN WITHOUT ALTERATION

DO NOT RETURN THIS STATEMENT DETACH STATEMENT HERE NO RECEIPT DESIRED

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA. GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 17, 1942

18-54

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am writing to inform you that the first meeting of the Atlanta University faculty for the academic year 1942-1943 will be held in the Conference Room (Administration Building) on Monday evening, September 21, at 7:00 o'clock.

Please arrange to be present.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

REC:J

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

Memo FROM PRESIDENT CLEMENT

To: Dr. DuBois

18-54-37

Because of the high cost of food, we have found it necessary to make an increase of $4.00 monthly in the charge for board. Accordingly, beginning September first, the monthly rate will be as follows:

Single room and board	$40.00
Suite, occupied by one person, and board	64.00
Suite, occupied by two persons, and board	90.00

Rufus E. Clement

September 12, 1942

23 September 1942

Memo to President Clement:

I would like, if possible, to have the services of a NYA student, preferably one who could use a typewriter. Of course, we could use two students if they were available. This work would be for PHYLON and the Department of Sociology.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

30 September 1942

Memo to President Clement:

18-54-38

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed budget for PEYTON for the last quarter of 1942. Schedule A is the proposed budget from June 1 to December 31, which I laid before you in the spring. Schedule B is the report of Mr. A. A. Reid, the Accountant, as of September 24, 1942. Schedule C is my estimate of income and expense from September 24 to December 31, 1942.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

From : Rufus E. Clement

Subject: The People's College

I am asking the following persons from the several faculties to meet in the Atlanta University Conference Room on Friday, October 2, at 4:00 p. m., to discuss the plans for a community education project which we are calling The People's College.

This will be a brief but important meeting and your attendance is urgently requested.

Mr. C. A. Bacote
Mr. J. B. Blayton
Mr. W. S. Braithwaite
Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Mrs. H. B. Brooks
Miss C. J. Clark
Mr. Rushton Coulborn
Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Mr. O. K. Flechtheim
Miss E. M. Griggs
Mr. H. C. Hamilton
Mr. W. K. Harreld
Mr. John Hope II
Mr. W. Van Jackson
Mr. W. L. James
Miss Nazen Kazian
Mr. G. D. Kelsey
Mr. A. M. Loos
Mr. J. A. Pierce
Mr. A. A. Reid
Mrs. G. S. Reid
Mr. V. C. Smith
Mr. A. L. Suhrie
Mr. N. P. Tillman
Miss Hilda Weiss
Mr. J. P. Whittaker
Mr. Hale Woodruff

October 1, 1942

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

THE PEOPLE'S COLLEGE

Class List
1942-1943 Session

Course THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD AND RACE RELATIONS

Instructor Mr. Du Bois

Meeting Place and time YMCA Monday, 8:35

18-51

X	1 Bryant, Mrs. Callie Lee	X	11 Joseph Crawford
XX XX XX	2 Clement, William A.	X	12 Charles Bishop
XX XX	3 Hodges, V. W.		13
	4 Mosley, William		14
XX	5 Scott, C. A.		15
	6 Westmoreland, Edwina		16
	7 Wooten, Lillian G.		17
	8 Harper, C. L.		18
XXXX XX	9 Ingram, Nathaniel H.		19
XX XX XX	10 J. W. Dobbs		20

Visitors +++

Date 10-15-42

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16 October 1942

Memo to President Clement and Mr. Reid:

The publication of the telephone of this office in the WORLD this morning is upsetting our whole routine. It will be impossible for us to answer the telephone calls of the People's College and do our own work which is especially heavy just now as we are getting out PHYLON. Even after this first rush there is going to be necessarily a great deal of telephone communication with regard to the College. It seems to me it is absolutely necessary that Mr. Reid should have his own office telephone. I have taken the matter up with the telephone company and they can very easily make arrangement and also give him a new telephone listing if the matter is attended to before October 20.

I shall be very glad if action could be taken on this matter before this time.

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-54-89

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

18-51

October 16, 1942

Memorandum to Dr. DuBois:

Following is a report on the foreign language reading examination and the English fundamentals examination for the student in the Department of Sociology.

	French	English
Nash, Grace R.	F	Inc

John P. Whittaker
Registrar

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

Memo FROM RUFUS E. CLEMENT

18-54-35

October 19, 1942

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Dr. Reid and I have discussed the question of the telephone. Unfortunately, the damage is already done since the number has appeared in the Atlanta Daily World.

In our opinion, were we to change the telephone number now, you would not be relieved of a few calls which might still come in. It is also likely that there will not be many more calls on your line relating to The People's College.

Dr. Reid's restricted budget does not permit him to put in a telephone for a period of ten weeks.

Yours very truly,

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

REC:J

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

18-51

October 26, 1942

Memorandum to Dr. W. E. B. Dubois:

Please return your checked class lists to this office at your earliest opportunity.

John P. Whittaker
Registrar

[October, 1942]

News Release
PHYLON office
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

30-4-154

PHYLON, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture completes its third volume with the number which is just off the press. This is a volume of four hundred fifty-two pages with many illustrations and with articles on the War in Asia, The Traditions of Atlanta University, Race Relations in Brazil, The Race Problem in Cuba, Negroes in the Railway Industry, and anthropological studies in festivals and traditions. It contains parts of the autobiography of William Stanley Braithwaite, studies of social work and trades unions and a chronicle of race relations with book reviews and notes on periodicals. The volume belongs in the libraries of people of education and culture. Some one hundred and thirty public and college libraries in the United States subscribe for PHYLON.

The fourth quarter of PHYLON, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture, has just appeared. It has articles on the John Canoe festivals, a New World Africanism, by Ira De A. Reid and on the Origin of Negro Traditions by Thomas W. Talley. Rushton Coulborn has a most interesting article on Race, Culture and War in Asia while Samuel Lowrie writes of the Negro Element in one of the Southern States of Brazil with history and statistics. W. E. B. Du Bois writes the chronicle of race relations.

Countee Cullen appears seldom in print but when he writes, his poetry is worth listening to. He publishes in the current number of PHYLON, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture an "Apostrophe to the Land"

"O land of mine, O land I love,
A Worm gnaws at your root;
Unless that Worm you scotch, remove,
Peace will not be the fruit."

There used to be a theory dear to the hearts of Southern slave owners that Negro slaves came to the United States without any vestiges of culture and that all that they have accomplished is due to their training in slavery and since. Recent scholarship is contradicting this nonsense. Herskovits has demolished it in his MYTH OF THE NEGRO PAST and in the current issue of PHYLON, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture, Ira De A. Reid writes an interesting illustrated article of one African survival, the John Canoe festival, while Thomas W. Talley of Fisk University writes of the Origins of Negro traditions as contrasted with Negro folk-lore.

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

9 November 1942

My dear Mr. Banks:

I was so glad to see you in Chicago and see you looking so well. Here are a few more notes about the situation here. I have been talking with Whittaker. He is very much afraid that the President will not appropriate the money for the Land Grant College survey and does not realize its importance. He says that the President has about eight thousand dollars of scholarship funds available which he is not using and apparently does not know how to use. The funds were granted him by the General Education Board on their initiative and not on his. Last year a fellow in sociology was appointed and served for a semester. I had no official notice of the appointment although if I had been consulted I would have assented to it because the man Smythe was an excellent student. He was assigned to Mr. Reid. This year I am asking that a fellowship be given Grace Towns Hamilton who is working with me on returns of Georgia primary election and whom I would like to use for the Land Grant College survey. I do not know what reply, if any, will be made to my suggestion. I sent the President a report of the action taken at Chicago. I have had no acknowledgement of it and no answer.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Banks.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President W. R. Banks
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

18-49-38

[ATLANTA UNIV]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

November 17, 1942

Dear Mr. DuBois:

This letter will confirm my statement to you a few days ago that the Committee on Graduate Study and Standing wants you to call together the teachers of social science subjects in the University system to consider the validity and propriety of offering the degree of Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Social Science.

Some discussion has arisen over whether this degree should be offered by a Division of Social Science or a Committee on Graduate Study in the Social Sciences . It is believed that you, as the ranking professor in this field, can do much toward cementing the various aspects and features of study and organization that such a program would involve. The plan upon which we agree will be forwarded to the Educational Council for consideration and action.

18-52-30

It is suggested that the following persons be invited to sit at this preliminary conference:

Sociology ... DuBois, Reid , Weiss
Economics..... Milton, Brazeal, Blayton Clement
History and Political Science.... Coulborn, Hotchkiss, Flectheim, Bacote
Statistics..... Pierce
Psychology..... Eagleson, Suhrie
Philospphy..... Loos, Mays

It is suggested that the meeting be held early in next week or on Saturday, November 21. Mr Coulborn will not be available for Tuesday afternoon meetings.

Mr. Whittaker may wish to sit in on the discussion.

Sincerely,

Ira De A. Reid

Professor W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University

Inviting Messrs. Mays and Clement is optional at this time
R.

[ATLANTA UNIV]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

November 18, 1942

To: Chairman of Department

18-57

I am attaching a copy of a letter which contains information which may be of interest to you in your department. If you wish further information, feel free to write directly to Miss Irene D. Mack.

John P. Dewitt

[ATLANTA, GA.]

19 November 1942

18-52-31

Memo to Mr. Reid:

I shall be glad to call a meeting of the social science teachers for Saturday morning, November twenty-first. I suggest that the Presidents Mays and Clement be not included at this meeting. Also I suggest that in history, Kennedy of Morehouse be included and that in economics, Hope of Spelman be invited. I should be glad to have Mr. Whittaker sit in on the discussions.

If there are no objections to my suggestions, I will send out the notices Friday morning.

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta Univ.]

20 November 1942

18-32-32

Memo to Mr. Reid:

Mr. Coulborn and I have conferenced this morning and we recommend that a small preliminary conference on the doctorate be called together consisting of the following Atlanta University people only: Bacote, Coulborn, Du Bois, Milton and Reid. Would you be willing to meet with such a committee either Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning or next Saturday morning?

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[ATLANTA U.]

THE PEOPLE'S COLLEGE

Staff Memorandum

November 21, 1942

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The community, the colleges and the students are convinced that The People's College is a worthy undertaking. Because I know what it is exacting of you, I want to express my deep appreciation for your cooperation. Before this session ends, we should meet to discuss the future of the work we have begun. You will be advised of the time and place of this meeting.

Meanwhile, there are certain things you can do for us:

1. Arrange with your class to have the time equivalent of ten weekly meetings if you are not going to be in Atlanta during the week of December 21.

2. Arrange to have your class conducted by some qualified person if you must be absent for any reason.

3. Give the director a list of all persons enrolled in your class in order that certificates may be prepared for the eligible ones.

4. Ask your class what courses it would like to have offered during the second session (February - April, 1943). Advise this office accordingly.

5. Advise the director if you will be willing to teach another term.

6. Tell your students about the People's College Lending Library from which they may borrow books not otherwise available. The Lending Library operates in the Atlanta University Library and in the Citizens' Trust Company Bank Building on Auburn Avenue. Ask the students to use it.

7. Announce the People's College Radio Hour on station WGST each Wednesday, beginning November 25, at 4:15 o'clock. Our plans call for a special feature to be entitled "Auburn Avenue," in which People's College students will participate.

Ira De A. Reid

Ira De A. Reid

[ATLANTA WORK]

November 22, 1942

To: Dr. W.E.B.DuBois

From: Ira ~~DeA~~ Reid

Subject: Peoples College Broadcast. December 2, 1942

18-52-33

Attached is a copy of the interview with Mr. Coulborn on W G S T, Wednesday November 25 at 4:15 p.m. Please note it for pattern. We desire to have your copy in the hands of the station program director by Monday November 30.

I am tentatively announcing your subject as "Africa and World Freedom".

Please return ms.

[ATLANTA UNIV]

23 November 1942

Memo to Mr. Reid:

The subject AFRICA AND WORLD FREEDOM is satisfactory to me and I will send you soon an outline. I am returning the manuscript.

18-52-34

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[ATLANTA UNIV]

23 November 1942

Memo to Mr. Reid:

18-52-35

1. I have been planning an institute in social science in connection with the Land Grant Colleges. The proposition is before the board of trustees and one of the foundations is also interested. I would prefer, therefore, that this activity be one connected with the People's College and designed for the enlightenment of the public rather than research in the social sciences.

2. I think the subject could be RACIAL SEGREGATION AND DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM.

3. I wonder if two meetings are not too ambitious at first. I think the subject should be presented by four speakers in one evening.

4. The purpose is satisfactorily stated only should it not be understood that this is the subject for this year. For other years there might be other subjects.

5. My choice for four speakers would be Johnson, Graves, McGill and Walter White.

6. If there are to be two evenings I should think program A would be preferable.

7. I do not think it would be good policy for me to appear on the same program with Walter White.

8. I think that the University should finance the Town Hall as one of the activities of the People's College.

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

25 November 1942

18-54-43

Memo to President Clement:

Professor Krauss lectured to the class in anthropology this morning at 10:40. He will continue his lecture Friday morning at the same hour. Friday night he offers to give a general lecture on race mixtures in Hawaii. This might be in the exhibition room if you so wish.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

18-54-42

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 25, 1942

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I have asked Miss Williams to give due publicity to the lecture, "Race Mixtures in Hawaii," which we are scheduling for 8:00 p.m., in the Exhibition Room of the University Library, Friday evening, November 27.

Someone from the Department of Sociology will be expected to preside at the meeting.

Yours very truly,

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

REC:J

30 November 1942

18-54-41

Memo to President Clement:

I am asked to speak Friday, December 4, to the general assembly at Southern University and to the teachers in the social sciences. I can arrange for my classes.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

30 November 1942

Memo to President Clement:

The following is an extract from the "Operating Principles of PHYLON"

> On or about November first of each calendar year the President shall nominate the editor-in-chief to serve for the following calendar year. On or about December first of each calendar year the editor-in-chief shall nominate and present to the President the names of the associate editors of the editorial board.

18-48-61

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 30, 1942

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The University will be glad to excuse you from your work here so that you may accept the invitation to speak at Southern University on Friday, December 4.

I am pleased to nominate you as the editor-in-chief of the editorial board of Phylon, Volume IV, covering the calander year, 1943.

Yours very truly,

Rufus E. Clement

29-84-81

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

December 8, 1942

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, Editor
Phylon
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-52-36

My dear Doctor DuBois:

The People's College of Atlanta University has been conducting a series of four broadcasts on "Freedom in the Modern World". There has been such a demand for printed copies of the~~se~~ interviews upon which these broadcasts were based that the University has been asked to publish the series.

This letter requests the Editorial Board of Phylon to publish this series in the forthcoming issue of the University journal in order that the interviews may be made available for distribution.

I shall be pleased to have the Editorial Board consider this matter at its meeting on December tenth, which I regret I cannot attend.

Sincerely yours,

Ira DeA. Reid

[ATLANTA UNIV.]

15 December 1942

18-52-29

Memo to the Director of the Peoples College of
Atlanta University

I have finished my course in race relations at the YMCA at 8:35 Monday nights. We had ten lectures and discussions of which I conducted nine and Miss Diggs one. The attendance varied from two (twice) to eight (once). The average was four or five.

The following persons have earned certificates of attendance: William A. Clement, V. W. Hodges, C. A. Scott, N. H. Ingram, J. W. Dobbs.

I have asked the members of the class to communicate with you directly concerning any subjects which they would like offered next semester. I called their attention from time to time to the facilities for books in the Atlanta University Library and in the public library.

I think the Peoples College is a very fine idea and I have enjoyed what little I have done toward it. On the other hand, I think the attendance at my class indicates that there is no special demande for the sort of contribution which I can make. The demand quite naturally is for courses connected with earning a living. I should prefer, therefore, not to attempt another class next semester especially as I have new and exacting duties at the University.

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16 December 1942

18-54-412

Memo to President Clement:

President Read has offered me a suite at Spelman which I have accepted. I shall move out of my suite in the Atlanta University Dormitories the week of December twenty-seventh. I should be glad to have such help in moving as you can grant.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

30 December 1942

Memo to President Clement:

I am nominating as members of the PHYLON editorial board for the year 1943, the following persons:

Ira De A. Reid, Ph. D., Columbia University
Mercer Cook, Ph. D., Brown University
Rushton Coulborn, Ph. D., London
Nathaniel Tillman, Ph. D., Wisconsin
Amandus W. Loos, Ph. D., Edinburgh
Wallace V. Jackson, A. M., University of Michigan

I have been late in getting these nominations to you on account of the absence of one of the new nominees. Both Dr. Loos and Mr. Jackson have indicated their willingness to serve.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta

Department of History

Atlanta University

Professor W.E.B. Du Bois,
for your information.
RC.

December 31, 1942

Dear Colleague:

The next meeting of the Department will be on Friday, January 8th, at 1:45 p. m. in the Private Dining Room at Spelman. We shall have lunch and proceed with our business during and after lunch. The price of Lunch is 30¢.

There are two items of regular business: a report of the Book Committee together with consideration of extension of the Committee's powers to fit in with the new system of purchase of books by the Library; and any actions we should take to prepare for the second semester.

If time permits, we should resume the special business begun at the December 5th meeting. In that connection it would be worth turning over in your mind the following:

1. Ought our junior-senior courses to attempt to cover more than the history of Europe and America (Western Civilization) and to be extended to take in other civilizations?

2. What should be the relation between history and political science in our scheme of courses?

3. Program of graduate studies.

4. What relationship should exist between history and other social sciences both at the undergraduate and the graduate levels? The University Sociology Department has several times recently approached me with suggestions for a joint social science course for the A. M. degree.

I hope it will be possible after January 8th to hold meetings for this special business more frequently, every two weeks or every week, until it is disposed of.

Three members of the Department have asked me to hold a series of meetings for the exposition of my own theories of the interpretation of history (as applied in some of my graduate courses and in a few articles I have recently written.) I am sincerely grateful for the recognition—at least tentatively implied in this request—of my contribution to the study of history. I propose one meeting a week for this purpose in the second semester at 12:40 on Thursdays beginning February 5th in my office, Room 202 Adm. Bldg. If anyone wishing to attend finds this hour inconvenient, please let me know as early as possible. I shall let other social science departments know of these meetings in case any of their members should be interested.

Yours sincerely

Rushton Coulborn

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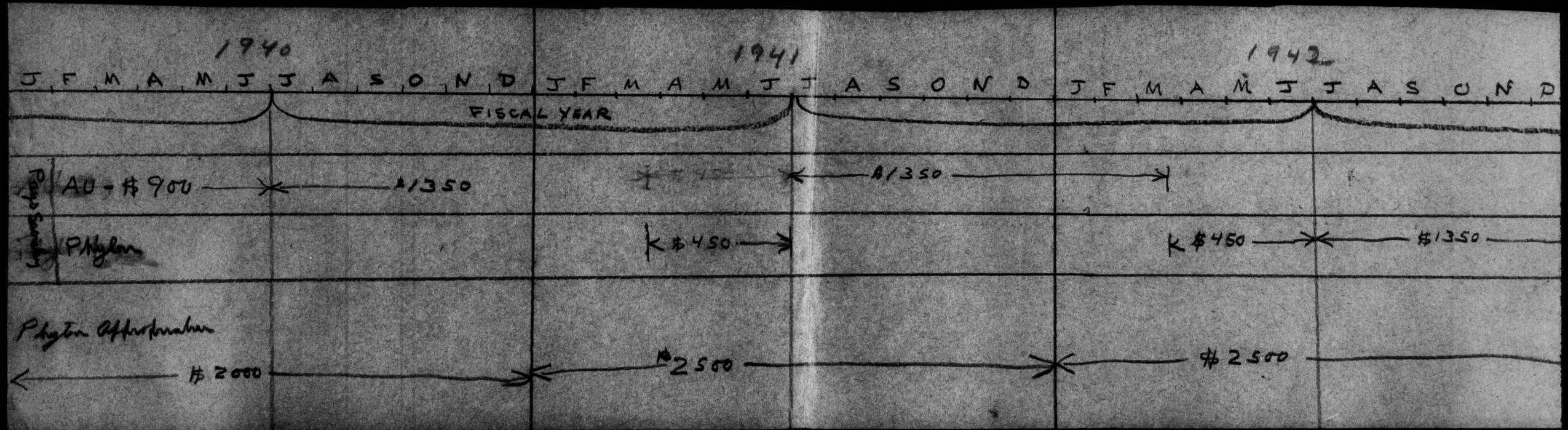
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The Atlanta University Morehouse College Endowment Campaign

THE ATLANTA-MOREHOUSE CAMPAIGN

The Atlanta University system, which now comprises the Atlanta University graduate school, Morehouse College for men, Spelman College for women, and the Atlanta University School of Social Work, is one of the most important centers of Negro education in the United States.

This system is now a well-rounded educational unit, in which a person may receive his entire formal education from the nursery-kindergarten, through the elementary and high school, college, and finally graduate or professional school.

Each year between 1,500 and 2,000 students register in the schools of the Atlanta University system. More than 200 of these are graduate students in either the division of arts and sciences or the professional school of social work. There are approximately 2,000 undergraduate students in the four undergraduate colleges for Negroes in Atlanta.

Ten years ago Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and Spelman College — located on virtually adjoining campuses and carrying on college work of the same general nature —agreed to affiliate. Under this agreement, Morehouse College, which had been founded in 1867 and had offered college work since 1897, was designated as the undergraduate college of liberal arts for men; Spelman College, which had been the first collegiate institution exclusively for Negro women, was named the undergraduate college for women; while Atlanta University, after sixty years as a co-educational college of liberal arts, was empowered to discontinue undergraduate work, and was constituted the graduate school of the University system. In September, 1938, the Atlanta School of Social Work, a professional

school for the training of social workers and the only institution of its kind exclusively for Negro students (which had been moved to the Atlanta University campus in 1932), became affiliated.

The obvious purposes of the affiliation were the elimination of unnecessary duplication of effort, overlapping of courses, reduction of administrative and teaching costs, and the consequent strengthening of each of the constituent institutions. Beyond these essential gains, however, it has been possible through the leadership of the affiliated institutions to bring about a greater measure of cooperation among all the Negro institutions of higher learning in Atlanta, which include Clark College, a co-educational institution of liberal arts, with which is affiliated Gammon Theological Seminary; and Morris Brown College, also a co-educational institution.

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

Atlanta University has had a long and honorable history as a co-educational institution for the training of Negro youth. At different periods from 1867 to 1929, it offered work on the undergraduate level – in the elementary school, the high school, the normal school and the college. Following affiliation with Morehouse College and Spelman College in 1929, the University has offered work in arts and sciences on the graduate level, and is committed to the development of work in the professional fields.

Over a period of more than 70 years, the University has graduated some 1,700 men and women, many of whom have become leaders of their race; and is continuing to send out yearly young Negroes who are making definite and valuable contributions to American life. Atlanta University graduates may be found in nearly

every state in the Union; theirs is a record of industry, of achievement, of helpfulness to their people.

Today the institution faces one of the most critical periods in its long history. Annual gifts from friends have decreased alarmingly — almost to the vanishing point; and income from endowed funds is constantly growing smaller. At the same time, greater demands are being made upon the resources of the University to continue and to enlarge its program to meet the higher educational needs of the Negro. Situated as it is in the heart of the South, in the midst of a large Negro population, Atlanta University must serve as a regional institution, to furnish trained leadership for this significant minority group.

Through a generous offer of the General Education Board, the University has been given an opportunity to increase its endowment to the extent of approximately two million dollars. Until June 30, 1942, the Board will match, up to this amount, every dollar raised by the institution.

If the usefulness and effectiveness of Atlanta University as a training center for Negro leaders is to continue, it is absolutely necessary that this endowment effort succeed. The need is immediate and crucial. The University is calling upon its friends everywhere to contribute to this campaign.

Immediate Physical Needs

Atlanta University needs a Fine Arts Building in which the work now scattered throughout various units of the University system may be concentrated. The building would house the departments of Music, Drama, Painting, Sculpture, and The Dance. In addition to classrooms

and studios, it should contain practice rooms and a small auditorium.

Atlanta University also needs a centrally located Student Health and Union Building. Like the other buildings controlled by the University, this building would be designed to serve the students in the affiliated and the co-operating colleges.

Please make your check payable to Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga., and be sure to designate the project to which you are contributing.

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE STATES ITS CASE

Morehouse is a Christian college which not only seeks to give the best possible instruction in the arts and sciences, but through its classroom work and its campus living seeks to develop well-rounded, manly Christian men, and to train leaders for consecrated Christian service.

During its seventy-four years Morehouse has graduated hundreds of men who have assumed the leadership of their people. Today, for example, graduates of Morehouse College are on the faculties of many colleges and universities serving as presidents, deans and instructors. In the ministry, teaching and school administration, law, medicine and dentistry, social work, and business, particularly banking and insurance, Morehouse men are serving with distinction.

The Needs of the College – Immediate

But this famed institution is now facing a financial crisis. In order for it to expand and meet a precarious future, the College must be more adequately endowed. The General Education Board, recognizing the merits of Morehouse

College, has set aside $400,000 for its endowment provided the College can raise an equal sum on or before June 30, 1942; that is, the Board will match dollar for dollar up to and including that amount. If successful, the Morehouse endowment would be increased by $800,000. This amount would be used in some such fashion as the following:

1. The income on $200,000 would be used for scholarships to aid worthy, needy students. The vast majority of Negro students are not able to secure $325 a year to get through college. The interest on $200,000 at 4% would enable the College to provide 100 tuition scholarships of $80.00 each.

2. The income on $200,000 would be used as the College's share in meeting the urgent need of retirement for its teachers. Teachers who have children and who have been teaching on small salaries can hardly provide security for their old age. It is the College's responsibility to save these people from embarrassment by providing some form of retirement for them. The interest on $200,000 would enable the College to meet its obligation at this point.

3. The income on $200,000 would be used to expand the Morehouse staff which is greatly in need of expansion. The Morehouse teaching staff has not been increased during the past eleven years. This is an urgent matter.

4. The income on $200,000 would be used to increase salaries and to provide living quarters for teachers. Dormitories are for students and our teachers should not have to

live in dormitories in order to have their small salaries supplemented.

In the light of the urgent needs set forth above, we urge you to contribute to the Morehouse Endowment in order that the College may continue to serve the race and the nation in a way characteristic of its past.

Make check payable to Morehouse Endowment.

Mail check to Morehouse College, Office of the President.

Other Needs to Be Met Soon

1. New dormitory. Graves Hall is very old and even if we continue its use, three dormitories are needed to house the majority of Morehouse men.

   This dormitory should include a dining hall for Morehouse men.

2. The College has no chapel designed solely for religious purposes. The chapel in Sale Hall is good for daily assembly but wholly unfit for worship.

3. One of the most urgent needs of the College is an athletic field and a gymnasium including a swimming pool and other modern equipment. The health and physical care of 400 men is a vital matter.

4. Although cottages for teachers may be gradually provided for under endowment if the campaign succeeds, it would be much better if we could secure a special contribution to provide homes for our faculty families.

Your contribution toward any of these projects will be welcomed and appreciated.

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TO THE PRESIDENT:

Enclosed you will find check / cash in the amount of $_____

This is a contribution to:

☐ The Atlanta University Endowment

☐ The Morehouse College Endowment

☐ _____(please designate)

or

☐ I pledge to give to the above the sum of $_____on or before **June 1, 1942.**

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(Signature)

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(Address)

9 February 1942

13-60-25

My dear Mr. Washington:

As you know Mr. E. Franklin Frazier is going to be on our campus the week of March ninth. On the evenings of March ninth and tenth he will lecture in the Exhibition Room of Atlanta University. It is proposed that I, as Head of the Department of Sociology in Atlanta University, should preside on the first night and I am writing to ask on behalf of the administration and the department that you would be so kind as to preside the second night, that is, Tuesday, March tenth. I hope you can do us this service on behalf of the Atlanta University School of Social Work.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience and will furnish further details as to time, subject and so forth.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Forrester B. Washington
Atlanta University School of Social Work
247 Henry Street Southwest
Atlanta

[ATLANTA UNIV. — SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK]

27 February 1942

18-52-19

My dear Mr. Washington:

I trust you will invite the students of the School of Social Work to hear Mr. Frazier and some of the social workers in the city if you can make contact with them. I shall be greatly obliged if you do this.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Forrester B. Washington
Atlanta University School of Social Work
Atlanta, Georgia

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8 ARLINGTON STREET
BOSTON

The Atlantic Monthly

26 January, 1942.

18-04-81

Dear Mr. Du Bois:—

You will, I trust, appreciate the reason why we have had to deliberate so long over this revised prospectus of yours. The world has been altered very radically for all Americans since December 7th, and statements which could have been contemplated with relative objectivity before that date now take on an emotional content which may be very explosive indeed. Even your second outline, which reached us in mid-December, suffers from this change of atmospheric pressure.

You have attempted to give a bird's-eye view of the race problem as it exists on this hemisphere, and I intend it as a compliment when I say that I know of no other man who would have the courage to attempt so broad a sweep. Your writing is courageous. It strikes me as deeply penetrating in certain passages and equally intemperate in others. But what seems to me the greatest drawback is that by distributing your force over such a vast panorama you have left us with less than enough conviction in any single area. In short, you have bitten off more than you - or any reader - can chew at one session. Let me give you two brief illustrations of what I mean:

When you say that "Hitler's race philosophy and methods are exactly

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18-46-09

the same as ours," you make an assertion which will antagonize literally forty-nine out of fifty readers. To my Northern eyes, it simply isn't true, for I know of no sections in the South which have had to submit to what the Jews in Germany and Poland are going through today. Nor does it defend your position to say that this is a question of degree only. Your purpose in writing such an article is to make people aware of an injustice existing between citizens of a democratic state. But you won't gain a single convert if you say that we are part and parcel of Hitler's gang.

Again, it seems to me that your criticism of the British Empire is so sweeping that you will lose rather than gain by it. They are our Allies in a fight for survival, and it ill befits us at this time to try to reform their internal organization. We have got enough to do on our own domestic front.

Whether you can adjust your sights to a more limited field and consider the part which the Negro is playing in our defense effort and the part which he ought to share in our labor organization, is a question which I have asked myself as I have mulled over your prospectus. Again, I would ask for more temperance and a clearer recognition that changes come slowly - yet come they do. I would ask you to consider whether it is strictly true that all barriers to the Negro's advancement are social and political or whether we have not a biological

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handicap to contend with which can only be overcome by painstaking education.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Weeks

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,
Georgia.

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Request rate card for charges on churches, garages, stores and warehouses (front foot rates), fixtures (except in dwellings and unmetered buildings) and special business.

Send postage if receipt is wanted. 1942 taxes not paid by July 1, 1942 are in arrears and property is subject to sale. Retain this bill and present with your payment.

Failure to receive a bill by mail is no excuse for not paying taxes, interest and penalty.

Payment of this bill for current taxes will not prevent legal action if taxes are unpaid for other years.

All taxable property owned by you on October 1st is assessed for taxes of the following year. You are liable for these taxes.

18-49-31

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am trying to laugh in the "rain". I hope that you are well and happy. Elizabeth gave me a message for you — to be delivered when I see you some day.

Sincerely,

W. P.

Gloriva Virginia Perry Banks.

2/9/1942.

4 March 1942

My dear Mrs. Banks:

Sometime ago I loaned you a copy of the Atlanta University Studies on the family. It has not been returned. May we have it at your earliest convenience?

I had your kind note and appreciated it. My best regards to you and Mr. Banks.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Virginia P. Banks
Prairie View State College
Texas

18-44-81

15 April 1942

8C-64-81

My dear Mrs. Banks:

Thank you so much for the pictures and the books. I had a copy of the book. Unfortunately the picture of Elizabeth came too late. We had to go to press. I have a note concerning her but had to omit the picture.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

W. R.

Mrs. Virginia P. Banks
Prairie View State College
Texas

[c JAN. 1942]

Dear Dr. DuBois—

Just this note to say that a man who is visiting here remarked at the table today that the FBI was investigating a charge of Japan sending you money for purposes of propaganda. While I do not believe this but I am sending this note simply for the benefit of my information for future purposes.

We are all well—

Yours truly

W. R. Banks

Hand this to Dr. DuBois if you are looking up WPB Channels in this reading Room.

18-49-29

08-64-81

2 February 1942

My dear Mr. Banks:

Have no fears, nobody as yet has paid me anything for my opinions except on the public platform and in full view of the world. I appreciate your interest.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

President W. R. Banks
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

[c. JUNE 1942]

72 Grosvenor
Athens, Ohio

18-5-9-08

Dear Sir:

Iam making a researd study of the "Negro in Litrature". Pledse, send at once information concerning available sources, from which I can draw on this subject. Thanks in advance for kindness. If you have a book, edited by you of this nature, which you sell, please send it C. O. D.

Yours truly,
Dorothy G. Barbour

Miss Carson

24 June 1942

18-59-69

My dear Madam:

Dr. Du Bois wishes me to suggest to you NEGRO CARAVAN by Sterling Brown and others for use in research on the "Negro in Literature".

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Miss Dorothy C. Barbour
72 Grosvenor
Athens, Ohio

20 January 1942

My dear Dr. Beekman:

18-52-8

I slipped into New York and out again without the pleasure of seeing you. I was moving very fast but I did get in a theatre or two and a movie. I did not dare however the wilds of Brooklyn.

Thank you very much for your kind words and I hope you will have a Happy New Year. My best regards to Mrs. Beekman. By the way Mrs. Du Bois and I have had a two page letter from Louis Wright written by his own hand. It looks as though he is really going to make a come-back.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Walter N. Beekman
746 Fulton Street
Brooklyn, New York

Curious letter

P.O. Box 500
Elmira, N.Y.
May 20, 1942

CORRESPONDENCE CENSOR NO 2

Mr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Amsterdam News
2340 8th Ave.
New York. N.Y.

18-54-52

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

I am writing to you to enlist your aid in helping me to get a job. Though my sister has tried hard, she has not succeeded in getting employment for me; and my brother having entered the army, I can not look to him for help.

In the past, I have worked as delivery boy, shipping clerk, and bell boy. Having worked in these positions, I know a few things along those lines. But employment doesn't necessarily have to be in that category. If you can help me in any way, I am not in a position to thank you, except orally; you will not regret your kindness by any act on my part.

Very truly yours,
Howard Bell

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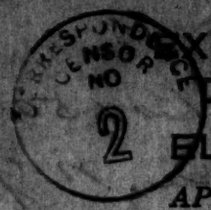

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Name Mr. W. Du Bois P. O. Box 500, Elmira, N. Y.

Street and No. ~~2340 7th Ave~~ 66 Amst. News Date May 20, 1942

City New York City State N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The Board of parole may authorize my parole to take effect after job is assured conditional upon an offer of satisfactory employment. This application is being directed to you in the hope that you may be able to help me obtain employment and thus aid me to secure my parole from this institution.

While confined in the Elmira Reformatory, it has been my primary aim to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered here, and I am ready now to take my place in society as a respectable and law-abiding citizen.

The following description of myself may aid you in deciding whether or not I would be of any service to you:

Age 19 Color colored Married or Single single

Height 5 ft. 7 in. Weight 130 lbs. Education 3 years high school

Crime Committed Rob. 3d deg. Past Trade Experience clerk & delivery man

Admitted to Reformatory Nov. 20, 1940 Institutional Trade Experience commercial

My home address is 203 W. 121 St. New York City

Any effort on your part to help me at this time will be greatly appreciated. If you can aid me please reply; if you cannot, no reply is expected.

Respectfully yours,

Howard Bell

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[Bell]

26 February 1942

18-52-13

My dear Sir:

Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, chairman of the Department of Sociology, Howard University, will give two lectures on the American Family in the Exhibtion Room of the Atlanta University Library, Monday and Tuesday evenings, March ninth and tenth at seven-thirty p. m. I am writing especially to invite you to be present.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. Y. Bell
The Atlanta Urban League
Herndon Building
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September 8, 1942.

18-45-27

Dr. William E. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I have the honor to inform you that your name has been suggested for inclusion in the Second (1942) Edition of the Biographical Encyclopedia of the World, devoted to persons in each country whose achievements in their respective fields are worthy of recognition.

Please fill in and return the enclosed brief questionnaire. If time permits, I shall be glad to mail you a proof of your edited biography prior to publication.

There is, of course, no obligation of any kind.

Faithfully yours,

R. M. Chelio,
Associate Editor.

P.S. You may also send us one of your photographs.

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18-47-7

February 2, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

The enclosed correspondence is self-explanatory. Will you be good enough to drop a word to Mrs. Lansey who directs the Negro Birth Control Clinic in Baltimore.

I enclose a reprint of a recent article which appeared in The Chicago Defender. One of their staff writers is also doing a series of ~~these~~ six articles which we hope to reprint whenever the series is complete.

I hope very much to be able to make another trip into the South some time during the next six weeks. I will let you know if and when this trip materializes and needless to say, I hope to have an opportunity for a real discussion with you as to some of the "next steps" you feel we should undertake.

Cordially yours,

Florence Rose

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Would be glad to have my paper used.

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February 2, 1942

Mrs. Margretta A. Lansey
1523 McCulloh Street
Baltimore, Md.

18-47-8

Dear Mrs. Lansey:

We have your letter of January 7th asking permission to use Dr. Du Bois' paper on "Negroes and Birth Control" in your yearly bulletin "Plan Your Family".

You certainly have our permission to use or quote this material, and we are passing your letter and a copy of our reply to you along to Dr. Du Bois. I feel confident he, too, will be glad to grant you the permission you request.

We were so happy to have Dr. Bessie Moses at our annual meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria, and she will no doubt tell you of the fine talks that Dr. Ferebee made at two of our sessions.

Cordially yours,

Florence Rose
Division of Negro Service

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18-47-6

March 16, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Professor of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor DuBois:

With the greatest of interest I read your column of February 7th in the Amsterdam News, regarding the possibility of a Negro Book-of-the-Year Club. It is a stirring concept, the type of thing about which one instinctively thinks: "Why hasn't this been done before?".

I hope with all my heart that the idea has brought a warm response to you from every section of the country, and that it will soon become a reality. Certainly I would like to be among the subscribers when the plans materialize, as eventually it unquestionably will, because the idea is so fundamentally sound and necessary and basically right.

Don't forget that whenever you are in New York, I do hope you will set aside a little time on your calendar for us. We need your viewpoints on many matters, and correspondence can never be as satisfactory as a personal discussion.

Cordially yours,

Florence Rose

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18-55-97

January 12, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Please imform us as to your availability, date and fee, to speak to our Student body here at Bluefield State Teachers College sometime between January and April.

We would like to present you as a part of our public entertainment program.

Hoping to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

C. D. Reece

C. D. Reece
Chairman of Public Entertaimment Committee

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[Bluefield State Teachers College]

18 February 1942

18-55-98

My dear Mr. Reece:

Answering your letter of January twelfth, I beg to say that I am not sure that I am going to be able to get to Bluefield this spring but as soon as I can I will write you more definitely.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. C. D. Reece
Bluefield State Teachers College
Bluefield, West Virginia

Stowe Teacher College
Saint Louis, Missouri
November 24, 1942

18-53-44

Dr. W. E. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am about to complete a manuscript touching certain aspects of outstanding Negro writers. As you are included in the array, please be kind enough to send me a mat, cut or picture of yourself so that the publisher may use it.

Request for photograph

Very truly yours,

F. W. Bond

FWB/JEM

Sent 10 December 1942

The Fort Valley State College

Fort Valley, Georgia

November 22, 1942

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University, Men's Dormitory
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have delayed answering your note because I did not know before if I would myself be here Thanksgiving. I may say that we shall not have much here that will be exciting, which should be the most exciting news of all to you. Dr. Nathanson is here, and I find him a very interesting and intelligent talker. Since he has been here for more than a week now, and good talk is something that one sometimes would cheerfully share, I would be very happy to have you come down to share Dr. Nathanson's conversation with. We will have a big school Thanksgiving dinner which you might enjoy, and we shall have lolling around outside if this wonderful weather continues, or inside if it does not.

18-52-7

There may be the usual libations appropriate to the season.

There would also be a few intelligent people over for Thursday evening - that is, if you will grant the presence of such prodigies in this portion of Georgia, especially since Mrs. Duncan is no longer with us (she's studying this year, you know, and thank God her absence is not permanent.)

We would be very happy to have you come. The girls may have a series of games of some sort, but we withdrew from football at the end of the Summer, for which God be thanked.

Hoping that you and party may wish to share our quiet, country Thanksgiving with us, I am,

Sincerely,

H. M. Bond

P. S. I hope you were not distressed to see the newspaper publicity I recently achieved in the Constitution. The full text of my remarks may interest you, and I just might submit them to you for possible publication in the Phylon.

12 November 1942

18-59-35

Dear Sir and Madam:

You will perhaps remember me. I met you some years ago, I believe, in connection with the Spingarns. I do not know whether you are still acting as literary agents. If you are, I have some manuscripts which I should like to send you and get your judgment. If you are not, perhaps you can recommend a reliable firm. I should be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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November 16, 1942

18-50-3

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you very much for your letter. We are, of course, still very active as literary agents and would be happy to see any material that you would care to send us.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Brandt

Carl Brandt/nc

4805 Forrestville Ave.
Chicago, Illinois
August 26, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois

For some weeks I have been trying to get a copy of your "Gift of Black Folk". Our public libraries do not carry this particular book of yours.

When I read it some years ago I remember in one chapter you pay a very beautiful tribute to the Negro woman. (I trust I am correct in this statement)

I am very anxious just now to get this book and will feel deeply grateful to you if you will tell me where I may purchase it and its price.

With personal regards I am,

Respectfully yours,

Mattie C. Bray

19-57-3

30 September 1942

18-57-4

My dear Mrs. Bray:

I am sorry to be late answering your letter of August 25. The book, GIFT OF BLACK FOLK, was published by the Catholic Knights of Columbus after the First World War and is now entirely out of print and can be found only second hand. I could sent you a transcript of the passage which you refer to which is Chapter Six "THE FREEDOM OF WOMANHOOD" but I should have to charge you $2.50.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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18-53-6

September 21st 1942.

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Request for financial assistance

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I have been given your name by Pro-Consul James of the British Consulate-General here in New York, as he feels you might assist us if you will be kind enough, and I am therefore taking the liberty of writing to you. Besides, I believe I once had the pleasure of meeting you at the British Empire Club, Teachers College, Columbia University, some time ago when I was an active member, and you were the Editor of "Crisis Magazine".

The situation is this: Last year the N.Y.Physicians' Art Club held its fourteenth annual exhibition at our shop, 6 East 57th Street, N.Y.City, as a benefit to aid the bomb-shocked children in Britain, and the Medical Aid Department, B.W.R.S., sponsored this affair. Many of the Exhibitors donated pieces of their graphic and plastic art work to be sold for this fund.

A number of these paintings, etchings, carvings and sculptures have been sold, but there is one which we consider quite different from the others, a piece of sculpture - terra cotta work - entitled "NEGRO HEAD", which we feel deserves a special place, being the beautiful work of a white physician, Dr. Philip Adalman, posed for by one of his collured friends.

Since Dr. Adalman tells us this is an anthropological study which should be in some educational institution, I am wondering whether your University or Alumni Members would care to raise funds, either by collections or a tea, dinner, dance, etc., to purchase "Negro Head" for presentation to Atlanta University.

This would be serving a double purpose: making an educational gift to the University, perhaps in memory of some departed friend, while at the same time contributing an urgently needed sum to British War Relief Society for medical aid to these smallest victims of total warfare, the little bomb-shocked

children in Britain, many of them orphaned or maimed for life by the bombs which hit their homes.

I attach a story about "NEGRO HEAD", also a photograph of it, with two others showing bomb-shocked children in Britain, to raise funds to cure whom we are trying to sell this work in terra cotta.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind co-operation in assisting us either to sell this sculpture, or by offering suggestions whereby we may do so,

18-53-7

Yours very sincerely,

Dorothea G. Norton

Dorothea G. Norton
Acting Director, Medical Aid Department

DGN/
Encl: 3 photos
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1 October 1942

18-53-8

My dear Madam:

I think it would be very fine if Adalman's Negro head could be place in some educational institution but it would not be feasible for me to do anything toward raising money for the project. I might possibly use some of the photographs in my quarterly magazine PHYLON sometime but I am not sure of that. Unless you want them, I shall keep them against that possibility.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Dorothea G. Norton
British War Relief Society
730 Fifth Avenue
New York

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June 3, 1942.

18-46-38

Request to write article

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

The New Yorker magazine has commissioned me to write a profile of Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Because you and the N.A.A.C.P. were indeed synonymous to a large number of people from its beginning until you resigned from it, I wish you would let me know some of the facts about Mr. White's career with the Association while you were there.

I would like to obtain as many anecdotes about him as you can conveniently give me; also your opinion of Mr. White and the Association today. Whatever you say will be held in strictest confidence if you so wish.

The profile is not intended to muckrake Mr. White or the Association. Its purpose is to give a close-up of Mr. White through his work as secretary of the Association. I shall indeed be happy if you will let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Earl Brown.

23 June 1942

18-46-39

My dear Mr. Brown:

I have your letter of June third, but I am afraid it would not be ethical for me to make any statement further than that which I have already made in DUSK OF DAWN. You will find my statement on pages 311 ff. Also in the files of the CRISIS for that year you might find something of interest. I am sorry not to be able to help you any further.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Earl Brown
Life
Time and Life Building
New York City

20 January 1942

My dear John:

I was glad to get your Christmas card because neither I nor Mrs. Du Bois had the slightest idea of your address or where to reach you. I hope you had a Merry Christmas and I wish you a Happy New Year.

There is a job I should like to have you do for me. I had a half brother named Adelbert Burghardt whom I have seen only occasionally during the last fifty years and not at all for at least twenty years. Last year I had a letter from the Department of Welfare, City of New York, concerning him and replied that I was not sure whether the man in question was my half brother or not but if he were, I did not wish to see him in want and would be glad to have further information. I received no answer until December 19, 1941. I am inclosing the letter received and my reply. Would you kindly take the time to drop around to 79 Decatur Street and also to interview Jones. I am not in position to distribute philanthropy but at the same time I want to do my duty and shall be glad to have your advice.

33-3-22

First of all as to my half brother's identity: he is rather short, brown, longheaded with a high bridge nose. He was born in Great Barrington and should remember the name of his grandfather, Othello Burghardt, and the fact that the family home was on South Egremont Plain. His knowledge of these facts would identify him. Then again, what is he getting from the city, how is it being spent and would any gift on my part make him better off or worse off by the withdrawal of the city dole.

I am sorry to bother you with this but if you can help me, I will greatly appreciate it.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. John S. Brown
1370 Dean Street
Brooklyn, New York

1370 Dean St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y. Jan. 25, 1942.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Will,

I have talked with both parties and here is the result.

33-2-33

1. Mr. Jones turned me over to Mr. Sockolow, the case investigator working in Adelburt Burghardt's district. He went over the ground covered in the letter of Mr. Jones to you. By the way, Mr. Jones is colored. I put to Mr. S. your question as to the effect on Burghardt if anything were contributed to him. He replied that the Department of Welfare would subtract the sum from his allotment of $38.00 per month. Therefore, Burghardt would not be benefitted at all. Mr. S. explained that their usual procedure was followed in this case. First they try to learn of close relatives to the one getting the old-age assistance. Then they follow on down the line of relatives to see if they cannot find some one to take over a part or all the burden. He acknowledged there was no legal claim on your assistance, and desired me to convey to you that they had no purpose save that of service to Burghardt and to the state. They have no intention of making themselves obnoxious to you nor of trying to apply any thought of pressure in any way. He said if and when he hears from you in any way, he will mark the case as closed.

2. I didn't find Burghardt in on my first call but did on my second. He has a long head, is slightly taller than I, and is a man to meet. He answered all the tests you gave me and added that his mother was Mary Burghardt and his father Charles Craigg. He is brown in color and neither smokes nor drinks. He says his two enjoyments after walking are reading in the library and going to movies. At the office they said he was intellectual. He seems to have read a great deal, some of it in your works. He said he had a taxi business of three taxi cabs, two of which were all paid for. Then came the yellow cabs with reduced fares and they drove him to the wall. He had to get out.

His $38.00 per month is enough for his simple wants and he desires in no way for you to help him. He says he did not suggest their writing to you. They got the information from their questions when he first applied for assistance. He plans to go to Albany about the first of the month to live with his oldest daughter, Henrietta, now a widow, BUT REQUESTS YOU SAY NOTHING OF THIS TO THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT, as he has it all arranged to help his daughter with the $16.25 he now pays for his room. Hence, they will both be helped. The Department will continue to assist him under the plan he intends to follow.

He told me an interesting item about your father, which he said you did not know, and which I thought you would like to know. He says your father was a barber for the whites, with a shop at Copek. He had a fine trade and the whites idolized him. He was a smart man and treated Burghardt's mother fine. But he was timid. When

George, Henry and Samuel Jackson came up from the riverside one evening, they were feeling fine and to celebrate took out their guns and fired them into the air. Your father heard the shots, for they were near his house, and for some reason thought they were after him or firing at him. Without a word, he went into the house and packed up some things and left. He said that was the only reason for his leaving.

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Burghardt says he is in good health. He has a slight blood pressure and a slight heart trouble, but living quietly and uneventfully as he does, he keeps well.

He wishes me to extend his best wishes to you and says he would not think of asking you for anything. He is all right and there is no reason to ask you for help. He knows the expenses you have to meet. His parting words were, "Don't forget to send my very best wishes to Dr. Du Bois, and say I thank him for taking an interest in finding out about me, but I need no help."

I rather think you would take an interest in talking to him yourself, if opportunity offered. His memory about the family seems to be quite clear, and he knows events of which you could not know, being younger. He is 78 now.

I was glad to hear from you again. Please give my best regards to Mrs. Du Bois and to Yolande. Rosie girl would now remember me now. I suppose she is a young lady now.

Sincerely yours,

John.

P. S. I think Burghardt will keep in touch with me and send me his Albany address. Let me know if you want it, unless you may wish to get it direct from him.

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The Travelers Indemnity Company
The Travelers Fire Insurance Company
Hartford, Connecticut

Automobile Policy

Coverages which may be afforded:

A. Bodily Injury Liability
B. Property Damage Liability
C. Comprehensive—Loss of or Damage to the Automobile except by Collision
D. Collision

No. MC 1753922

Issued to

William E. B. DuBois

Atlanta, Georgia

Expires February 2, 1942
At twelve and one minute o'clock A. M.

BURDETT REALTY CO.
REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE

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THE TRAVELERS

THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY
THE TRAVELERS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

DECLARATIONS

Automobile Policy Number MC 1753922

The insurance afforded is only with respect to such and so many of the following coverages as are indicated by specific premium charge or charges. The limit of the company's liability against each such coverage shall be as stated herein, subject to all of the terms of this policy having reference thereto.

Item 1. Name of insured
Address (No. street, town, county, state)

William E. B. DuBois
c/o Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

The automobile will be principally garaged and used in the above town, county and state, unless otherwise specified herein.

The occupation of the named insured is Instructor-Atlanta University

Item 2. Policy Period: From February 2, 1941 to February 2, 1942 12:01 A.M., standard time at the address of the named insured as stated herein.

Item 3. Description of the automobile and facts respecting its purchase by the named insured

1937 Buick 4 Door Century Sedan, Model 37-67, M#63240389, S#3076806

Date Purchased: Feb. 1937 | New or Used: New | List Price $: F | Actual Cost $: 1402. | Fully Paid For: Yes

Item 4. Coverages		Limits of Liability	Premiums
The Travelers Indemnity Company	A. Bodily Injury Liability	$10,000. each person $20,000. each accident	$ 28.52
	B. Property Damage Liability	$ 5,000. each accident	$ 7.20
The Travelers Fire Insurance Company	C. Comprehensive— Loss of or Damage to the Automobile except by Collision	$Actual Cash Value	$ 10.00
	D. Collision Division 1. Deductible — Division 2. Convertible —	Actual Cash Value Less $ 50. Deductible Additional Sum $	$ 29.00

The word "None" in any premium space shall mean that insurance is not afforded with respect to the coverage opposite thereto.

Symbol numbers of endorsements forming a part of the policy on its effective date: 2756

Total Premium $ 74.72

Item 5. The purposes for which the automobile is to be used are Pleasure and Business

(a) The term "pleasure and business" is defined as personal, pleasure, family and business use.
(b) The term "commercial" is defined as use principally in the business occupation of the named insured as stated in Item 1, including occasional use for personal, pleasure, family and other business purposes.
(c) Use of the automobile for the purposes stated includes the loading and unloading thereof.

Item 6. Amount of mortgage, lien or other encumbrance, if any

If mortgaged or encumbered, loss, if any, under Coverages C or D payable as interest may appear, to the named insured and

(Name and Address)

Item 7. (a) No insurer has canceled any automobile insurance issued to the named insured during the past year; (b) The named insured is the sole owner of the automobile: *Exception, if any, to (a) or (b):*

No Exceptions

Date of Issue
12-23-40

BURDETT REALTY COMPANY

Countersigned by By R W Niles

The Travelers Indemnity Company
and
The Travelers Fire Insurance Company

Hartford, Connecticut

(Each a Stock Insurance Company, Herein Called the Company)

Do Hereby Severally Agree with the insured, named in the declarations made a part hereof, in consideration of the payment of the premium and of the statements contained in the declarations and subject to the limits of liability, exclusions, conditions and other terms of this policy, provided that The Travelers Indemnity Company shall be the insurer with respect to Coverages A and B and no other, and that The Travelers Fire Insurance Company shall be the insurer with respect to Coverages C and D and no other:

Insuring Agreements

I. Coverage A—Bodily Injury Liability

To pay on behalf of the insured all sums which the insured shall become obligated to pay by reason of the liability imposed upon him by law for damages, including damages for care and loss of services, because of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, caused by accident and arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of the automobile.

Coverage B—Property Damage Liability

To pay on behalf of the insured all sums which the insured shall become obligated to pay by reason of the liability imposed upon him by law for damages because of injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use thereof, caused by accident and arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of the automobile.

Coverage C—Comprehensive—Loss of or Damage to the Automobile except by Collision

To pay for any loss of or damage to the automobile and its equipment (hereinafter called loss).

To pay in addition, in the event of loss by theft of the automobile if a private passenger automobile not used to carry persons for a charge, the expense incurred by the insured not exceeding $5 per day, nor more than $150 or the actual cash value of the automobile at the time of such loss whichever is less, for the rental or hire of a substitute automobile during the period commencing 72 hours after notice of loss to the company and the police and ending when the location of the automobile becomes known to the insured, the company or the police or on such earlier date as the company pays for such loss.

Breakage of glass and loss caused directly by tornado, cyclone, windstorm, hail, falling aircraft or parts thereof, and loss resulting from theft, earthquake, explosion, riot, riot attending a strike, insurrection or civil commotion, shall not be deemed loss caused by collision or upset.

Coverage D—Collision

To pay for loss of or damage to the automobile and its equipment caused by accidental collision with another object or by upset (hereinafter called loss), subject to the provisions of division 1 hereof if a Deductible amount is stated in the space therefor in the Limits of Liability column of Item 4 of the declarations, or subject to the provisions of division 2 hereof if an Additional Sum is stated in the space therefor in such column.

Division 1—Deductible. The Deductible amount so stated shall be deducted from the amount of each such loss.

Division 2—Convertible. Upon the occurrence of the first such loss for which payment is sought hereunder, the insured shall pay immediately to the company the Additional Sum so stated. Loss caused by collision with another object or by upset occurring prior to loss for which recovery is sought hereunder is not covered.

II. Defense, Settlement, Supplementary Payments. It is further agreed that as respects insurance afforded by this policy under Coverages A and B the company shall

(a) defend in his name and behalf any suit against the insured alleging such injury or destruction and seeking damages on account thereof, even if such suit is groundless, false or fraudulent; but the company shall have the right to make such investigation, negotiation and settlement of any claim or suit as may be deemed expedient by the company;

(b) pay all premiums on bonds to release attachments for an amount not in excess of the applicable limit of liability of this policy, all premiums on appeal bonds required in any such defended suit, but without any obligation to apply for or furnish such bonds, all costs taxed against the insured in any such suit, all expenses incurred by the company, all interest accruing after entry of judgment until the company has paid, tendered or deposited in court such part of such judgment as does not exceed the limit of the company's liability thereon, and expenses incurred by the insured, in the event of bodily injury, for such immediate medical and surgical relief to others as shall be imperative at the time of accident.

The company agrees to pay the amounts incurred under divisions (a) and (b) of this section in addition to the applicable limit of liability of this policy.

III. Definition of "Insured." Except where specifically stated to the contrary, the unqualified word "insured" wherever used in Coverages A and B and in other parts of this policy, when applicable to such coverages, includes not only the named insured but also any person while using the automobile and any person or organization legally responsible for the use thereof, provided the declared and actual use of the automobile is "pleasure and business" or "commercial," each as defined herein, and provided further the actual use is with the permission of the named insured. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply:

(a) to any person or organization with respect to bodily injury to or death of any person who is a named insured;

(b) to any person or organization with respect to any trailer while used with any automobile not covered by like insurance in the company;

(c) to any person or organization, or to any agent or employee thereof, operating an automobile repair shop, public garage, sales agency, service station, or public parking place, with respect to any accident arising out of the operation thereof;

(d) to any employee of an insured with respect to any action brought against said employee because of bodily injury to or death of another employee of the same insured injured in the course of such employment in an accident arising out of the maintenance or use of the automobile in the business of such insured.

IV. Use of Other Private Passenger Automobiles. Such insurance as is afforded by this policy for bodily injury liability and for property damage liability applies (1) to the named insured, if an individual and the owner of the automobile classified as "pleasure and business" or if husband and wife either or both of whom own such automobile, and (2) to the spouse of such individual if a resident of the same household and to the employer of such named insured, as insured, with respect to the operation of any other private passenger automobile by such named insured or spouse or by a private chauffeur or domestic servant in the employ of such named insured or spouse, and with respect to the presence of such named insured or spouse in any other private passenger automobile. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply:

(a) to any automobile (1) owned in full or in part by or registered in the name of the named insured or any member of the household thereof, other than a private chauffeur or domestic servant employed in connection therewith, or (2) hired as part of a frequent use of hired automobiles by or furnished for regular use to the named insured, a member of the household thereof, or a private chauffeur or domestic servant employed in connection therewith; nor, with respect to such employer, to any automobile owned in full or in part by him or registered in his name or hired by him as part of a frequent use of hired automobiles;

(b) to any insured other than as defined in this paragraph;

(c) under the conditions stated in divisions (a), (b) and (c) of Paragraph III.

V. Automatic Insurance for Newly Acquired Automobiles. If the named insured who is the owner of the automobile acquires ownership of another automobile, such insurance as is afforded by this policy applies also to such other automobile as of the date of its delivery to him: (a) if it replaces an automobile described in this policy, and if it may be classified for the purpose of use stated in this policy, but only to the extent the insurance is applicable to the replaced automobile, and (b) if it does not replace an automobile described in this policy, and if it is used for pleasure purposes or in the business of the named insured as stated in the declarations, and if the company insures all automobiles owned by the named insured at the date of such delivery, but only to the extent the insurance is applicable to all such previously owned automobiles. The insurance afforded by this policy terminates upon the replaced automobile at the date of such delivery. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply (a) to any loss against which the named insured has other valid and collectible insurance, or (b) unless the named insured notifies the company within ten days following the date of delivery of such other automobile, or (c) except during the policy period, but if the date of delivery of such other automobile is prior to the effective date of this policy the insurance applies as of the effective date of this policy, or (d) unless the named insured pays any additional premium required because of the application of this insurance to such other automobile.

VI. Policy Period, Territory, Purposes of Use. This policy applies only to accidents which occur and to direct losses to the property insured which are sustained during the policy period, while the automobile is within the United States of America, Canada or Newfoundland, or while on a vessel between ports within said territory, and is owned, maintained and used for the purposes stated as applicable thereto in the declarations.

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Exclusions

This policy does not apply:

(a) under any of the coverages, while the automobile is used as a public or livery conveyance, or for carrying persons for a charge, unless such use is specifically declared and described in this policy and premium charged therefor;

(b) under Coverages A, B and D, while the automobile is operated (1) by any person under the minimum age required to obtain a license to operate a private passenger automobile in the state, federal district or territory, or province in which the automobile is registered or in which the accident occurs, whichever is lower, or (2) by any person under the age of fourteen years;

(c) under Coverages A and B, while the automobile is used for the towing of any trailer not covered by like insurance in the company; or while any trailer covered by this policy is used with any automobile owned or hired by the named insured and not covered by like insurance in the company;

(d) under Coverages A and B, to liability assumed by the insured under any contract or agreement;

(e) under Coverage A, to bodily injury to or death of any employee of the insured while engaged in the business, other than domestic employment, of the insured, or while engaged in the operation, maintenance or repair of the automobile; or to any obligation for which the insured may be held liable under any workmen's compensation law;

(f) under Coverage B, to property owned by, rented to, in charge of, or transported by the insured;

(g) under Coverage C, to loss due to: (a) collision with another object or upset; (b) impact of the automobile against a trailer with which it is coupled; (c) wrongful conversion, embezzlement or secretion by a mortgagor, vendee, lessee or other person in lawful possession of the insured property under a mortgage, conditional sale, lease or other contract or agreement;

(h) under Coverage C, to loss of tools or repair equipment by theft, robbery or pilferage unless the entire automobile is stolen;

(i) under Coverages C and D, (1) to: (a) loss of use except as stated in Coverage C; (b) depreciation; (c) robes, wearing apparel and other personal effects;

(2) to: (a) wear and tear; (b) mechanical or electrical breakdowns, failures or breakages; (c) freezing; (d) damage to tires; except where such loss results directly from other loss which is covered hereunder;

(3) to loss due to: (a) war, invasion, military, naval or usurped power; (b) confiscation or authorized destruction by duly constituted governmental or civil authorities, except destruction during and for the purpose of retarding a conflagration;

(4) while the automobile (a) is used in any illicit or prohibited trade or transportation; or (b) is subject to any lien, mortgage or other encumbrance not specifically described in this policy.

Conditions

Conditions 1 to 7 inclusive apply to all Coverages. Conditions 8 to 23 inclusive apply only to the Coverage or Coverages noted thereunder.

1. Automobile Defined. Two or More Automobiles. Except where specifically stated to the contrary, the word "automobile" wherever used in this policy shall mean the motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer described herein; and shall include under Coverages A and B a trailer other than a trailer home, while used exclusively for personal, pleasure or family purposes, other than business purposes, with any private passenger automobile insured hereunder; and the word "trailer" shall include semitrailer.. When two or more automobiles are insured hereunder, the terms of this policy shall apply separately to each but as respects limits of bodily injury liability and property damage liability a motor vehicle and a trailer or trailers attached thereto shall be held to be one automobile.

2. Assistance and Cooperation of the Insured. The insured shall cooperate with the company and, upon the company's request, shall attend hearings and trials and shall assist in effecting settlements, securing and giving evidence, obtaining the attendance of witnesses and in the conduct of suits; and the company shall reimburse the insured for expenses, other than loss of earnings, incurred at the company's request. The insured shall not, except at his own cost, voluntarily make any payment, assume any obligation or incur any expense other than for such immediate medical and surgical relief to others as shall be imperative at the time of accident.

3. Subrogation. In the event of any payment under this policy the company shall be subrogated to all the insured's rights of recovery therefor and the insured shall execute all papers required and shall do everything that may be necessary to secure such rights.

4. Changes. No notice to any agent, or knowledge possessed by any agent or by any other person shall be held to effect a waiver or change in any part of this policy nor estop the company from asserting any right under the terms of this policy; nor shall the terms of this policy be waived or changed, except by endorsement issued to form a part hereof, signed by the President, a Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary of the company, the Superintendent of its Automobile Division, or a Registrar specially authorized; provided, however, that changes may be made in the written portion of the declarations by a manager or general agent of the company when initialed by such manager or general agent.

5. Assignment. No assignment of interest under this policy shall bind the company until its consent is endorsed hereon; if, however, the named insured shall die or be adjudged bankrupt or insolvent within the policy period, this policy, unless canceled, shall, if written notice be given to the company within thirty days after the date of such death or adjudication, cover (1) the named insured's legal representative as the named insured, and (2) subject otherwise to the provisions of Paragraph III, and only as respects Coverages A and B, any person having proper temporary custody of the automobile, as an insured, until the appointment and qualification of such legal representative, but in no event for a period of more than thirty days after the date of such death or adjudication.

6. Cancelation. This policy may be canceled by the named insured by mailing written notice to the company stating when thereafter such cancelation shall be effective. This policy may be canceled by the company by mailing written notice to the named insured at the address shown in this policy stating when not less than five days thereafter such cancelation shall be effective. The mailing of notice as aforesaid shall be sufficient proof of notice and the insurance under this policy shall end on the effective date and hour of cancelation stated in the notice. Delivery of such written notice either by the named insured or by the company shall be equivalent to mailing.

If the named insured cancels, earned premiums shall be computed in accordance with the customary short rate table. If the company cancels, earned premiums shall be computed pro rata. Premium adjustment may be made at the time cancelation is effected and, if not then made, shall be made as soon as practicable after cancelation becomes effective. The company's check or the check of its representative mailed or delivered as aforesaid shall be a sufficient tender of any refund of premium due to the named insured.

7. Declarations. By acceptance of this policy the named insured agrees that the statements in the declarations are his agreements and representations, that this policy is issued in reliance upon the truth of such representations, and that this policy embodies all agreements existing between himself and the company or any of its agents relating to this insurance.

8. Limits of Liability. Coverage A — The limit of bodily injury liability stated in the declarations as applicable to "each person" is the limit of the company's liability for all damages, including damages for care and loss of services, arising out of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by one person in any one accident; the limit of such liability stated in the declarations as applicable to "each accident" is, subject to the above provision respecting each person, the total limit of the company's liability for all damages, including damages for care and loss of services, arising out of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by two or more persons in any one accident.

9. Limits of Liability. Coverages A and B — The inclusion herein of more than one insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the company's liability.

10. Limit of Liability. Coverages C and D — The company's limit of liability with respect to the automobile and its equipment shall be the actual cash value of the property upon which loss is claimed at the time the loss occurs, or the cost of its suitable repair or replacement not in excess of such cash value, and loss shall be ascertained or estimated accordingly and shall in no event exceed the limit of liability, if any, stated in Item 4 of the declarations. In the event of such loss as is covered under this policy the full amount of such loss shall be determined by such ascertainment or estimate between the parties hereto, or if they differ, then by appraisal as hereinafter provided.

11. Financial Responsibility Laws. Coverages A and B — Such insurance as is afforded by this policy for bodily injury liability or property damage liability shall comply with the provisions of the motor vehicle financial responsibility law of any state or province which shall be applicable with respect to any such liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of the automobile during the policy period, to the extent of the coverage and limits of liability required by such law, but in no event in excess of the limits of liability stated in this policy. The insured agrees to reimburse the company for any payment made by the company which it would not have been obligated to make under the terms of this policy except for the agreement contained in this paragraph.

12. Notice of Accident. Coverages A and B — Upon the occurrence of an accident written notice shall be given by or on behalf of the insured to the company or any of its authorized agents as soon as practicable. Such notice shall contain particulars sufficient to identify the insured and also reasonably obtainable information respecting the time, place and circumstances of the accident, the names and addresses of the injured and of available witnesses.

13. Notice of Claim or Suit. Coverages A and B — If claim is made or suit is brought against the insured, the insured shall immediately forward to the company every demand, notice, summons or other process received by him or his representative.

14. Notice of Loss. Coverages C and D — In the event of loss covered hereby the insured shall give immediate notice thereof in writing to the company. In the event of theft, robbery or pilferage the insured shall also give immediate notice thereof to the police.

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15. Action Against Company. Coverages A and B — No action shall lie against the company unless, as a condition precedent thereto, the insured shall have fully complied with all of the terms of this policy, nor until the amount of the insured's obligation to pay shall have been finally determined either by judgment against the insured after actual trial or by written agreement of the insured, the claimant, and the company.

Any person or his legal representative who has secured such judgment or written agreement shall thereafter be entitled to recover under the terms of this policy in the same manner and to the same extent as the insured. Nothing contained in this policy shall give any person or organization any right to join the company as a co-defendant in any action against the insured to determine the insured's liability.

Bankruptcy or insolvency of the insured or of the insured's estate shall not relieve the company of any of its obligations hereunder.

16. Action Against Company. Coverages C and D — No action shall lie against the company on account of any claim hereunder until the amount of loss shall have been finally determined in accordance with the provisions of Condition 10, nor unless commenced within twelve months next after the happening of the loss.

17. Other Insurance. Coverages A and B — If the insured has other insurance against a loss covered by this policy the company shall not be liable under this policy for a greater proportion of such loss than the applicable limit of liability stated in the declarations bears to the total applicable limit of liability of all valid and collectible insurance against such loss; provided, however, that the insurance under Paragraph IV shall be excess insurance over any other valid and collectible insurance available to the insured, either as an insured under a policy applicable with respect to the automobile or otherwise, against a loss covered under said paragraph.

18. Other Insurance. Coverages C and D — No recovery shall be had under this policy if at the time a loss occurs there be any other insurance, whether such other insurance be valid and collectible or not, covering such loss, which would attach if this insurance had not been effected.

19. Proof of Loss. Coverages C and D — Within sixty (60) days after loss, unless such time is extended in writing by the company, the insured shall render a statement to the company, signed and sworn to by the insured, stating the place, time and cause of the loss, the interest of the insured and of all others in the property, the sound value thereof and the amount of loss, all encumbrances thereon, and all other insurance, whether valid and collectible or not, covering said property; and original receipts for rental and hire payments; and the insured, as often as required, shall submit to examinations under oath by any person named by the company, and subscribe the same; and as often as required, shall produce for examination all books of account, bills, invoices, and other vouchers, or certified copies thereof if originals be lost, at such reasonable place as may be designated by the company or its representative, and shall permit extracts and copies thereof to be made.

20. Appraisal, Repair, Replacement, Abandonment. Coverages C and D — In case the insured and the company shall fail to agree as to the amount of loss each shall, on the written demand of either, select a competent and disinterested appraiser and the two appraisers so chosen shall first select a competent and disinterested umpire. The appraisers shall then appraise the loss, and failing to agree shall submit their differences only, to the umpire. The written award of any two shall determine the amount of loss. The insured and the company shall each pay his or its chosen appraiser and shall bear equally the other expenses of appraisal and umpire.

The company shall have reasonable opportunity to examine any property insured hereunder, upon which loss is claimed, before repairs are undertaken or physical evidence of loss removed.

The company shall not be held to have waived any of the terms of this policy or any forfeiture thereof by any requirement, act, or proceeding on its part relating to the appraisal, or to any examination provided for herein.

The company may, at its option, either repair or replace any part or all of the insured property upon which loss is claimed with other of like kind and quality or pay to the insured in money the full amount of such loss as determined in accordance with the provisions of this policy, subject, however, to such deduction, if any, as may be applicable thereto. There can be no abandonment to the company of any property insured hereunder.

21. Protection of Salvage. Coverages C and D — In the event of any loss whether insured against hereunder or not, the insured shall protect the property from other or further loss, and any such other or further loss due directly or indirectly to the insured's failure to protect shall not be recoverable under this policy. Any such act of the insured or the company or its agents in recovering, saving and preserving the property described herein, shall be considered as done for the benefit of all concerned and without prejudice to the rights of either party, and where the loss suffered constitutes a claim under this policy, then all reasonable expenses thus incurred shall also constitute a claim under this policy, provided, however, that the company shall not be responsible for the payment of a reward offered for the recovery of the insured property unless authorized by the company.

22. Loss for Which Carrier or Bailee for Hire is Liable. Coverages C and D — The company shall not be liable for loss with respect to the automobile while the automobile is in the possession of a carrier or bailee for hire under a contract, stipulation or assignment whereby the benefit of this insurance is sought to be made available to such carrier or bailee; provided, however, that the insured may without prejudice to this insurance accept such bill of lading, receipts or contracts of transportation as are ordinarily issued by carriers, bailees or others containing a limitation of their liability for injury to property while in the possession of such carriers, bailees or others.

23. Statutory Provisions. Coverages C and D — Any and all provisions of this policy which are in conflict with the statutes of the State wherein this policy is issued are understood, declared and acknowledged by this company to be amended to conform to such statutes.

In witness whereof, The Travelers Indemnity Company has caused this policy, with respect to Coverages A and B and such other parts of the policy as are applicable thereto, to be signed by its President and a Secretary at Hartford, Connecticut, and countersigned on the declarations page by a duly authorized agent of the company.

J. S. Garrison
Secretary

L. E. Zacher
President

In witness whereof, The Travelers Fire Insurance Company has caused this policy, with respect to Coverages C and D and such other parts of the policy as are applicable thereto, to be signed by its President and a Secretary at Hartford, Connecticut, and countersigned on the declarations page by a duly authorized agent of the company.

Edmund Swing.
Vice-President and Secretary

L. E. Zacher
President

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SAFE DRIVER REWARD ENDORSEMENT

It is agreed that the Company shall refund to the named insured, not less than thirty days after expiration of the policy, 15% of the Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability premium for each private passenger automobile classified as "pleasure and business" while the policy affords insurance for both Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability with respect to such automobile without rate adjustment because of experience, fleet or other rating plans, provided:

1. Thirty days after expiration of the policy there is pending no claim and the company is maintaining no loss reserve and has paid no loss, other than for such immediate medical and surgical relief to others as shall be imperative at the time of the accident, under either the Bodily Injury Liability or the Property Damage Liability coverage on account of an accident arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of such automobile while the policy applies thereto; and

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2. The word "automobile" wherever used in this endorsement shall mean such automobile and the automobile, if any, of the same classification which replaces it; and

3. When the policy affords insurance with respect to a trailer used only with such an automobile, or with respect to the operation by the insured of undesignated automobiles, the premium and experience for such other insurance shall be deemed a part of the premium and experience of the highest rated automobile to which this endorsement is applicable; and

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157-10 110 Avenue
Jamaica, New York.

18-59-25

Dear Dr. Du Bois—

I have waited until I thought you were settled in your routine before writing you about the surprising information Mrs. Du Bois gave me on her last visit to New York—the relationship of Maud Cuney Hare and my father. Mrs. Du Bois knew that they were sister and brother, and that their common father was Norris Wright Cuney. For the details I came to you. I understand that you and N. W. Cuney were close friends.

How long had N. Wright Cuney and my grandmother known each other? Were they in love and unable to do anything about it? Please let me have the whole story—

I hope you understand that there is no question of pride involved. I really can't see why Papa did not reveal his identity, unless it was from a chivalrous attitude towards his mother.

I have often wondered about my paternal grandparents and wondered why I heard my mother speak of her parents and grandparents, but my father rarely doing so. Once Papa promised me he would tell me of my grandfather - he must have been speaking of Amey. Another time, he gave me to understand he hated his father - now I know he was talking ~~out~~ of Burroughs, in this last instance.

I shall be very grateful for the whole story. Just this one fact has made clear many puzzling things. The whole story will clear up the remainder. If my mother had stayed here I would have heard the story when Papa felt ready to tell it.

Eagerly looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

As ever Sincerely,

Alessia

By the way, is there any one in Galveston to whom I can write for information about the property of my grandmother. A man named Stubbs is writing us and asking us to sign a release of this property. Papa put it in we children's names. Can you advise? Thank you.

6 November 1942

18-59-26

My dear Allison:

The facts concerning your father and Norris Wright Cuney I never knew entirely. Maud referred to it several times but always obliquely and I did not question her. I never met Norris Cuney personally but some of his photographs and Maud's descriptions the resemblance between him and your father was undoubted and I think that there is no question but that Charles Burroughs was his son. On the other hand I never heard any details about the mother either as to her name or situation. She lived I am pretty sure in Galveston but further than that I know nothing. You could without doubt get a good deal of information if you went to Galveston or if you talked with Cuney, the Washington lawyer, who is a nephew of Norris Wright Cuney. But you would not get anything by writing.

I am glad to hear from you and hope you are making a living in this unpleasant days.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Alison Burroughs
157-10 110 Avenue
Jamaica, New York

[CAMPAIGNS, INC.]

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521 Fifth Avenue New York

November 18, 1942

Deans of
Colleges and Universities
of the United States

Dear Sir:

It is likely that you have, among your advanced students, those who have both the ability and the requirement to do a considerable amount of research work in the preparation of their Master's Degree Theses.

The purpose of this letter is to ascertain whether such students will care to direct their research along lines we will prescribe through which they may procure data they can use for their Theses and, with the same time and efforts, secure compensation and credit, on publication, for the combined work of many edited by us.

Work on several books in fields which we believe will be suitable for Master's Degree Theses offer a present and future opportunity for those who are willing to diligently follow the prescribed subject outlines. Permanent positions in a Research organization being formed may reward those whose work has been outstanding.

If you will bring this to the attention of those whom you believe will be interested, we shall be glad to enter into correspondence with them direct if they will write fully about themselves and their ambitions. Your cooperation in this experiment will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Irene D. Mack, Secretary to
Mr. McCloskey, who is in
Army Service

[CARNEGIE CORP.]

14 January 1942

My dear Mr. Dollard:

Following my report of May 29, I want to give you some further information as to the proposed expenditure of the $1,000 which the Foundation gave me. I started the first Institute with the idea that Atlanta University might be induced to take the matter up and make Atlanta a center for publications of a new set of Atlanta University studies. We had an interesting conference but the University has taken no subsequent action. I, therefore, determined to carry the movement before the Presidents of the Land-Grant Colleges. On November 12, 1941, I spoke at their meeting in Chicago and I am enclosing a copy of the speech which I made there. It was favorably received and a committee appointed to carry the program out. I am a member of this committee and President McLean of Hampton is its chairman.

I propose this spring to hold instead of a single institute a series of local conferences. I have already been to the West Virginia State College where I spoke to the faculty and heads of the departments and held conferences with the president and other officials. I am next going to Hampton where the committee of the Land-Grant Colleges will meet. Subsequently I hope to hold similar conferences in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Louisiana and I think that in this way a program of social investigation on a wide scale aimed toward the economic guidance of the Negro after the war can be inaugurated. I will make a final report to you when this program is finished.

I can, of course, hardly hope that your commitments will allow any further extension of this aid but if there is any possibility I should be glad if you would let me lay before you the further possible development of my idea of social studies.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles Dollard
Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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[CARNEGIE CORP.]

CARNEGIE CORPORATION
OF NEW YORK
522 FIFTH AVENUE
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ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

January 28, 1942

Professor W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Professor Du Bois:

18-45-41

It is kind of you to send me a copy of your speech before the Conference of Presidents of Negro Land-Grant Colleges. I have read this with interest and hope that the seeds which you are sowing will bear fruit.

I wish I could be encouraging as to the possibility of continued support of your work from the Corporation. Unfortunately, the Grants-in-Aid Committee does not as a matter of practice carry any project for a period in excess of two years, and there are no other funds here which we might tap for this purpose.

I hope that the momentum which you have already achieved will enable you to carry on your good work.

With good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles Dollard

CDgmp

[CARNEGIE CORP.]

6 November 1942

40-94-81

My dear Mr. Dollard:

I want to make a further statement concerning the movement which the Carnegie Corporation helped by two appropriations of a thousand dollars. As you know with the first thousand I had a very successful conference. Then to my disappointment I found that the administration of the University was not taking hold of the matter in the way in which I hoped. Therefore I used the second thousand in trying to initiate another movement which I hope eventually the University will support. This movement is an attempt to unite first the seventeen Negro Land Grant Colleges of the South and afterward some of the private colleges in a cooperative study of the social problems of this section. All of these institutions have departments of social science and practically all of them so some social study on the race problems.

My idea was that by strengthening the social science departments of these state institutions and by getting them to work in unison, we could make a cooperative study on a broad, continuous and intensive scale. Such an effort, however, would need the guidance and advice of the best sociological thought of the country and for that reason I wanted to inaugurate a series of conferences which would be attended by representatives of the departments of social sciences in these colleges, by representatives of the administration and also of sociologists of national repute.

I put this scheme before the meeting of the presidents of the Negro Land Grant Colleges in Chicago in November, 1941. They were very much interested and appointed a committee on the subject. That committee met at Hampton Institute in June, 1942, and in consultation with government officials, representatives of the American Council on Education and others voted to enter upon this program. In a second meeting of the Land Grant Colleges held in October, 1942, I was appointed Coordinator of this cooperative effort and the college presidents agreed to put it into immediate operation.

I have begun correspondence looking forward to a choice of subjects for beginning these studies. On the other hand, what is needed is a central fund to promote the conferences and the office expense and some preliminary publication. In time the colleges will be able to contribute to such a fund but at present there are certain legal technicalities in the way. It would be a question in the case of many of the boards of trustees as to whether they could contribute to an activity which was outside the state. Nevertheless the colleges promise to pay the expenses of their delegates to the conferences and do as much more as is possible.

On the other hand, I have asked the trustees of Atlanta University to make an annual appropriation of a thousand dollars to defray the expenses of the conferences, the clerical expense and the traveling expense of certain nationally known sociologists. The board of trustees will consider this matter at its November meeting. In case I get this appropriation and whether I get it or not, I propose to go forward in what the Journal of Higher Education published by Ohio State University has called the "making of educational history."

It may be that I shall have to make some appeal to organizations like yours for help but if I can get the movement on its feet without such an appeal I shall do so and then perhaps ask for aid in insuring its growth and expansion.

I am taking the liberty to give you this information to let you know what your aid has succeeded in starting.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles Dollard
Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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OF NEW YORK
522 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

November 10, 1942

22-64-81

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois

Since Mr. Dollard has left the Corporation for the duration in order to accept a commission in the Army, your letter of November 6 has been referred to me.

We are very glad to be kept informed as to the program you are developing looking toward a cooperative study of the social problems in your section of the country.

Sincerely yours

Robert M. Lester

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Secretary

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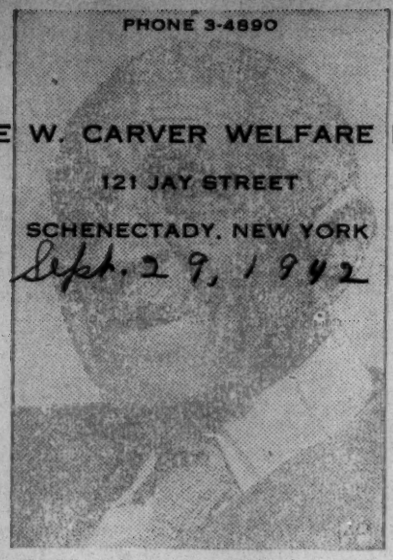

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Our organization is planning to give a dramatic production sometime this winter and we think we should like to present the pageant written by you: "The Star of Ethiopia, a Pageant." However, so far we have been unsuccessful in finding a place where we can secure copies of it. Would you please inform us where we may secure copies of this pageant?

Thank you for your courtesy and kindness.

Very sincerely yours,

Magdalene E. Cox

Acting Executive Director

[CARVER WELFARE LEAGUE]

5 October 1942

61-05-81

My dear Madam:

The pageant, THE STAR OF ETHIOPIA, was never published. It was written to be given only with the direct cooperation of the author.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Magdaline B. Cox
121 Jay Street
Schenectady, New York

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Prof. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University.
Atlanta Ga.

My dear Mr Du Bois,

S-S-8

Col. Banfield a friend of mine stationed at Fort Huachuca - writes me for a picture of Col. Young to hang in the officers club. I have written Mrs Young, she sent me one taken when they married at Frisco. It is a cabinet size photo, very nice and all of that.

I have in mind a photo of him in full dress uniform you used on front page

2. of the Crisis years ago when
you were the editor-
Have you that picture or can
you obtain a cut of it. I wish
to have it enlarged. It would
be a shame not to have a good
likness of him, enlarged etc
to go to that Post, Bousfield
urges me with frequency
to do this and I promise by
all that is good and holy
to assure you of its safe return
Remember me kindly to the
Madam. Chas Cuney spent ten days
with me this spring remember him
Mr + Mrs. Jenkins - are both dead also Rev
Saw Bishop Vernon and Emily re
cently - He is quite feeble - All are
being called on rapidly now - I
have a cousin in your City - A. by name
of Yates - Druggist. Know him
May I hear from you soon Yours truly
Cuney

9 November 1942

18-52-0

My dear Dr. Chapman:

I do not have the photograph of Colonel Young which you have in mind. Possibly if you wrote to the office of the CRISIS, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City, they might find it. I think too, Nina may have a copy at our home in Baltimore. I was glad to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. T. C. Chapman
18th and Paseo
Kansas City, Missouri

16 June 1942

My dear Mrs. Cheney:

May I express my deep sympathy with you in the death of your husband, my classmate.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Ida Lewis Cheney
50 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

[Cheney Training School for Teachers]

CHEYNEY TRAINING SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS
Cheyney, Pennsylvania

May 9, 1942

18-45-6

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

. . .

I should say at least four classes have graduated since last you spoke to the college. That should not be. Knowing you and having you address them is a part of our students' education, definitely. Shall you be making a tour in our neighborhood next year when we might afford to be in on it.

. . .

Sincerely yours,

Evangeline M. King
Librarian

[SEPT. 1942]

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
CHEYNEY TRAINING SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS
STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
CHEYNEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Dr. W. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Dubois

18-45-13

Our Student Government and Cooperative Association plans this year to present as many outstanding lecturers as possible who can speak on such subjects as our progress in the past, and our possibilities in the present and future. We are especially interested in history, anthropology, and sociology.

We should be indeed fortunate if we are able to arrange for you to lecture to us at Cheyney during 1942-43.

Our budget is quite limited and is entirely dependent upon student enrollment, for it is solely the students who contribute to the Fund for all lectures and recitals.

Therefore, if you plan to be in Philadelphia or in the vicinity of Cheyney anytime during the school year, perhaps you would give your lecture en route, at an en route fee.

We would appreciate information about such possible dates and fees at your earliest convenience so that we may plan to take advantage of such an opportunity.

Thanking you for the consideration you give this request, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Charline H. Conyers

CHC:mlb

Charline H. Conyers, Chairman
Subcommittee on Lectures

[Cheney]

30 September 1942

My dear Madam:

I am probably going to be in the North on or about February ninth. If so, I could come to Cheyney. My charge would be fifty dollars and entertainment while there. I shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-45-14

Miss Charline H. Conyers
Cheyney Training School for Teachers
Cheyney, Pennsylvania

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Bureau of Curriculum
January 15, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Request to read manuscript

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

I wrote to you sometime ago concerning Negro achievement material that is to be blended in the Chicago Public School curriculum. I am forwarding the material that is completed. As soon as more material is typed I shall forward it to you.

Please be very severe in criticizing the manuscript as we are anxious to have it accurate.

Respectfully yours,
Madeline R. Morgan

[CHICAGO - BOARD OF EDUCATION]

26 January 1942

84-85-81

My dear Madam:

I have the material which you send me but you must realize that it is simply impossible for me to turn aside from my work and to examine with any care a hundred or more pages of manuscript. I should like to help you in this interesting effort but I do not see how I can.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Madeline R. Morgan
Bureau of Curriculum
Board of Education
228 North La Salle Street
Chicago

[Chicago City Colleges]

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DIRECTOR

January 29, 1942

Lectures

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-55-67

Dear Mr. DuBois:

Since various rumors are abroad concerning the Department of Lectures of the Chicago City Colleges, and since I have had several inquiries from guest lecturers concerning the department, I am sending this letter to all the guest lecturers who have participated recently in our program. I had expected to notify you a little later, but because of the inquiries I am writing now.

The budget for the Department of Lectures for the Chicago City Colleges has been abolished - first casualty of the economy program.

For the sake of our students I deeply regret this action, as I know how much they profited by the lectures which our guests gave. Through the Department of Lectures, our students came in contact with distinguished scholars of the leading universities and colleges of the Middle West and with men and women who are participating actively in the service of the state, city, and nation. Occasionally scholars and men and women in public life from more distant parts of the country addressed our young people.

I take this opportunity to express to you the appreciation of the faculties of the City Colleges for your excellent contribution to our program. We appreciate the amount of adjusting of your own work which you had to do in order to fit your lectures precisely into the period or periods when they were needed for our program.

Thank you again for your participation in our work and for the very pleasant relationship we all enjoyed with you.

Hoping that our paths may cross again, I am

Cordially yours,

Lillian Herstein

Lillian Herstein

CHICAGO CITY-WIDE FORUM

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Lectures

January 18, 1942

18-55-69

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

The Chicago City-Wide Forum would be pleased to have you appear on its program February or March.

We shall be glad to have your thoughts and reactions as to the Negroes place in the world's crisis.

Kindly inform us when you can speak, your subject, and fee. Also inform us if it would be possible for you to speak at Northwestern University as you did on your last visit.

Cordially and Sincerely Yours,
Chicago City-Wide Forum
By: Ulysses S. Keys
President of Forum

Ulysses S. Keys
188 West Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois

[Chicago City-Wide Forum]

18 February 1942

18-55-76

My dear Mr. Keys:

I appreciate your kind invitation of January 18 to speak in Chicago and have waited to see if I could not comply. I regret to say that I have so much work on hand this year that I shall have to omit my spring lecture trip and, therefore, cannot serve you. I hope I may be able to do so at some future time.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Ulysses S. Keys
188 West Randolph Street
Chicago

[Chicago City-Wide Forum]

29 December 1942

18-45-24

My dear Mr. Keys:

As I am going to lecture in Chicago in February, I am enclosing a circular. I believe it was you with whom I spoke when I was there in November. I shall be glad to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Ulysses S. Keys
Chicago City-Wide Forum
Suite 1501 Steuben Building
188 West Randolph Street
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18-58-36

Dr. W. E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We are publishing on September 1, a special edition of The Chicago Defender with emphasis on inter-racial good will and national unity.

We should like very much to have you contribute an article of 1500 words or less on any phase of the Negro problem in the present world crisis. Our dead line is August 22. We would appreciate your favorable consideration.

Cordially yours,
THE ROBERT S. ABBOTT PUBLISHING CO.

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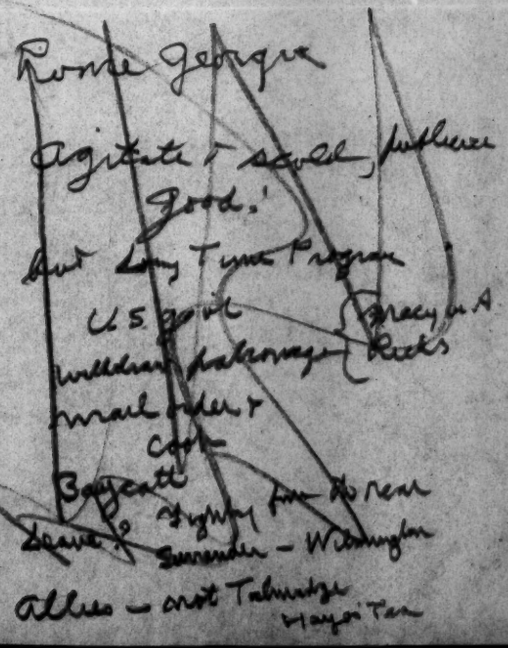

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
DUBOIS COTTAGE
2302 Monticello Terrace
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of the manuscript which you have prepared for our Victory edition.

We want you to know that we feel that your article will be a major factor in achieving our objective, namely: unity of all our people in the present crisis.

Your check for this material will be forwarded to you before the date of publication.

Again thanking you, we are

Very truly yours,
THE CHICAGO DEFENDER
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18-58-39

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I want to thank you for the splendid piece you were so gracious to do for us. You have made a magnificent contribution to our project. Your statements are clear, forceful and uncompromising.

I wish to apologize for not being able to send you more than thirty-five dollars. Please accept this check as a token of appreciation rather than as compensation for the article.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,
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18-54-53

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Dubois:

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the part you played in making our special Victory Edition a success. Reports and comments are coming in from all over the country which indicate that this endeavor is accomplishing its purpose of strengthening national unity through improving the morale of Negroes.

Our efforts would have been in vain if we had not received such splendid cooperation from public spirited patriots such as you, who prepared material for our use, even though personally very busy. Your article was a major factor in the success of this enterprise.

Again let us thank you.

Very truly yours,
THE ROBERT S. ABBOTT PUBLISHING CO.
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Metz T. P. Lochard
Editor, Special Edition

NOTABLE ISSUE OF A NEGRO NEWSPAPER

An admirable contribution to national unity and to clarification of war aims is to be found in the 100-page special edition issued yesterday by a Negro newspaper, the Chicago Defender. Editors and contributors alike address themselves to strengthening the bond between the white and colored races and to emphasizing that, in the words of Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, the Negro sociologist, "we are fighting for a free world, and against all race hate and caste, whether in America, England, Japan or Germany."

The list of contributors gathered in this notable example of journalism is distinguished, including President Roosevelt, Gen. MacArthur, Wendell Willkie, Francis Biddle, Justice Black, Langston Hughes, Pearl Buck, H. G. Wells, Harold Laski and many others. The edition is a literal storehouse of enlightening facts and stimulating thought on the Negro's role in the war. It will fall short of its fine purpose, however, if its circulation is limited to Negro readers. The Defender has a message which should be read by thousands of white persons over the country.

[ENCL.?]

1 October 1942

18-58-4/0

My dear Mr. Lochard:

I want to thank you very much for your payment for my article and I am glad that you thought it was worthwhile. You certainly gave it an excellent position.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Metz T. P. Lochard
The Chicago Defender
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January 16,1942

Dr. W.E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I was glad to hear your voice over long-distance, and am writing you with reference to our national movement for the designating of a National Holiday under the name of "National Freedom Day". This movement has taken considerable hold on the people and I think that we shall be able to unite upon one day instead of having four or five days for four or five celebrations of Emancipation.

I am convinced, after many years of observation, that the colored people of this country could use a nation-wide celebration to advantage in their discussions, aspirations, hopes and so-forth. I am, therefore, undertaking the movement to have designated by the President of the United States, February First, the day on which Congress passed a Joint Resolution proposing the 13th Amendment to the Constitution.

This document was signed by Abraham Lincoln on February First. Hence, I think February First would be just as appropriate as any other day and probably a little more appropriate, in view of the fact that it was the last act of the kind which Abraham Lincoln signed before his assassination.

Sometime ago, I was in Springfield, Illinois and regret to say that I did not see any reference on Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation even as it is represented in the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1865, which, as you know, was partial in its emancipation import and was strictly a war measure. Therefore, I think the 13th Amendment, in its scope, as declared by Congress and signed by Abraham Lincoln, gives us a day of universal national liberation, a emancipation, if you please.

We are going to hold a brief session of the delegates appointed by the Governors and other persons. The purpose--to suggest a program for the future. I should be very happy to have you present at our meeting in Philadelphia, which will begin January 31st and end February 2nd. In case you care to come we shall be glad to entertain you and take care of your expenses. Please let me know if it will be convenient for you to come.

Very truly yours,

R. R. Wright, Sr.
Chairman Citizens Committee

RRW/gr

[CITIZENS' COMMITTEE...]

18-56-13

27 January 1942

My dear Major Wright:

I have your letter of January sixteenth. Your proposal is interesting but I regret to say that I shall be unable to be present at your meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Major R. R. Wright, Sr.
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18-53-11

January 29, 1942.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Will you join with us in sponsoring a Testimonial Dinner to Elizabeth Gurley Flynn on the occasion of her return to active work after a prolonged period of illness. Miss Flynn is Executive Secretary of the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder, and the Committee is taking this occasion to honor her for her devoted and unselfish work in behalf of Earl Browder.

We are hopeful that this testimonial dinner to a tried and true fighter for progressive labor and Labor Defense will be the occasion for the reaffirmation at the same time of our devotion to democratic ideals of justice and freedom. Your sponsorship of the Dinner will greatly aid its success.

The dinner will take place at the Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Avenue, on February 27. Please wire your acceptance collect.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Weinstock
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18-53-13

February 3, 1942.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Attached please find draft of Call to a nation-wide National Free Browder Congress. Such a National Congress at this time will be a most important step in the campaign to free Browder. We hope to make this Congress a very notable affair, with large representations from trade unions and every section of the American people. We shall advise you on the exact date later.

The Citizens' Committee feels encouraged by the excellent response received so far. Thousands of resolutions, telegrams, individual letters and appeals have reached the White House petitioning the President, in the name of justice and fair play, in the name of national unity, to grant freedom now to Browder, a leading American anti-fascist.

We are inviting as sponsors of this Congress, leading trade unionists, leading professional people, religious leaders and other nationally prominent individuals.

Enclosed here is a list of people we have asked to become sponsors of this Congress. We respectfully ask you to become a sponsor. Sign the attached slip and return it to us by return mail.

The success of the conference depends upon your support. We have appreciated your cooperation in the past, and will be very grateful for your present support.

Sincerely yours,
Louis Weinstock
Louis Weinstock
Administrative Secretary

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A CALL FOR A NATIONAL FREE BROWDER CONGRESS

One hundred and fifty years ago the people of the United States adopted the Bill of Rights as their charter of freedom, their armor against injustice and inequality. The people of this country, through many trials and tribulations have kept our Constitutional guarantees of equal justice a living document, a basi basic charter of human rights.

Earl Browder, a consistent opponent of fascism and twice candidate for the Presidency of the United States on the Communist ticket, has been imprisoned in Atlanta Federal Penitentiary since March 25, 1941. He was sentenced to four years and fined $2,000. on a minor charge of a passport violation, which according to the Government, involved no question of moral turpitude. Millions of American citizens have appealed directly to President Roosevelt to exercise Executive clemency in this case. More than two million trade unionists, at their membership meetings have passed resolutions for the immediate release of Earl Browder. Thirteen hundred labor officials have personally appealed to the Chief Executive of the nation for justice in the Browder ase. More than a quarter of a million citizens have signed petitions for the release of Browder. Distinguished Americans in all walks of life, regardless of class, political or religious affiliation, Negro and white, educators, college presidents, bishops, scientists, publishers, lawyers, writers, artists, business men, national leaders of political parties, all have personally addressed themselves to the President, pleading for Executive action. The overwhelming majority of these patriotic Americans asked for clemency, not because they agreed with Mr. Browder politically, but because the unjust sentence is not in accord with our Constitutional guarantees of equal justice, not in accord with our Bill of Rights, and should not be permitted to mar our national record.

With the democratic process of life - guaranteed by our Bill of Rights - at stake in this war, with our people fighting to bring this struggle for justice and freedom to a successful conclusion, millions of Americans are asking: why

the continued imprisonment of Earl Browder? Why was Earl Browder sentenced to four years and fined $2,000? Of the one hundred and twenty-five passport cases in the Southern District of New York where Browder was tried, one-third received suspended sentences, eight were punished by fines alone - and all paid less than Earl Browder - and one-fifth were not even brought to trial. Among those who received prison sentences, thirty to ninety days was the usual penalty. The spectacle of an American receiving a four year prison sentence on so technical a charge, has caused millions of patriotic, public-spirited citizens to question the validity of the unusual and severe penalty.

The imprisoned man's political philosophy should not be an issue in the case, but the unjust sentence lends itself to that charge. As far back as 1940, Mr. Wendell Willkie wrote: ". . . if you truly believe in protection of civil liberties, you will wonder whether Browder was sentenced to four years in jail and a $2,000 fine because he made a false statement on a passport application, or because he was a Communist Party member."

In the crucible of fire through which this nation is now passing, all of our sacred traditions are brought to a final testing ground. The fascist powers decry and challenge our concept of justice and democracy, our way of life. The American people have rallied as never before to the defense of the Nation. With our sweat and blood, we are defending our traditions of justice and freedom, - on the battlefield, in the mills, mines, factories, on the sea and on the land. Equal justice to all is the strongest link in the chain of our national morale. Defects in justice or denial of justice can only result in evil to our country, to its cause and to the ideals for which we are fighting.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, who believe that neither the ends of Justice, nor the interests of the Nation in this crisis will best be served by the continued imprisonment of Earl Browder, call upon all patriotic, justice-loving Americans, upon all trade union, fraternal, youth and religious organizations, upon all public-spirited groups, to join in a great NATIONAL FREE BROWDER CONGRESS, on March 21,1942,

in New York City, for the express purpose of taking counsel together and petitioning our President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, to exercise his Executive power and correct this injustice, by granting Earl Browder his freedom.

[Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder]

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May 6, 1942.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder is arranging a mass meeting on Wednesday, May 20, at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The occasion for holding this meeting is the 51st birthday of Mr. Earl Browder, now serving his second year in Atlanta Penitentiary. We hope to have an actual overflow from this vast auditorium, which seats approximately 20,000 people.

The purpose of the meeting is to dramatically present the campaign for his release, which already has the endorsement of over three million patriotic Americans. We know that you have expressed your opinion in favor of the release of Mr. Browder and we deeply appreciate the value of your support in this important matter, which has grown to proportions of national interest.

We are anxious to make this meeting extremely effective in presenting an adequate appeal to President Roosevelt for Executive clemency to Mr. Browder. Therefore I am extending to you a cordial invitiation to speak on this occasion. We will be greatly honored by your presence and feel keenly that it will contribute tremendously to success in our purpose.

Hoping we may have your acceptance immediately which will facilitate our arrangements and thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
Executive Secretary

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[Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder-]

1400 L STREET, N. W.
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May 6, 1942.

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Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-55-23

Dear Mr. Dubois:

Earl Browder has now spent more than 13 months in the Atlanta Penitentiary. As you know, thousands of nationally prominent Americans, church and labor organizations, recognizing the excessiveness of his sentence, have urged his release on humanitarian grounds and because of their adherence to the principles of civil liberty and equal justice before the law.

The Washington Citizens Committee is planning a large public meeting to urge the freedom of Mr. Browder. The tentative date selected for this meeting is Friday, May 22. We should like you to be a principal speaker at this public gathering. If this date is inconvenient for you, will you please select a date toward the end of May. We shall adjust our program accordingly.

Because of the extreme urgency of the case, we hope you will find it possible to accept. Will you please send your reply by collect telegram.

Sincerely yours,

A T Mollegen

Rev. A. T. Mollegen, Chairman
Washington Citizens Committee to
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A T MOLLEGEN.

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[Cit. Comm. to Free Earl Browder]

11 May 1942

18-55-15

My dear Miss Flynn:

It would cost all of a hundred dollars to make the round-trip from Atlanta to New York. I could not afford this even for a good cuase.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
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May 11, 1942.

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Dubois:

Our Committee was extremely pleased with your acceptance of our invitation.

I wish to acquaint you a little with the program of the meeting. It will take place at The Washington Press Club Auditorium on Friday evening, May 22, at 8 P.M. Professor Henry Pratt Fairchild and yourself will be the principal speakers. The meeting will confine itself entirely to the Browder case, and we are conducting a mailing of over 10,000 to invite people to the meeting and to acquaint them with the facts of the case. The Auditorium seats about 1200. We shall probably also have two or three prominent local people speak for five minutes each.

18-55-56

Would you please send us by return mail information as to how we may list you in our publicity material.

We are just established as a newly organized committee, and shall open a bank account in a day or two, after which we shall send you a check for $75.00.

When we informed the National Citizens Committee, which is in New York, of the fact that you had consented to speak at our meeting on May 22, they asked us to inquire whether, since you will be coming east in any case, you would find it possible to speak at their meeting in Madison Square Garden on Wednesday, May 20. I am merely relaying the message as conveyed by the National Committee.

A further question I should like to ask is whether you are planning to spend any additional time in Washington, and whether it might therefore be possible to have a tea or a reception for you.

Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you, I am

Sincerely yours,

A T Mollegen

Rev. A. T. Mollegen, Chairman
Washington Citizens Committee
to Free Earl Browder.

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HAPPY NEWS OF RELEASE OF BROWSER. OBJECTIVE OF CITIZENS COMMITTEE ACHIEVED THEREFORE WEDNESDAYS MEETING AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN CALLED OFF. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU AND THOSE WHO HELPED ESPECIALLY PRESIDENT OF UNITEDSTATES WHO MADE POSSIBLE HIS RELEASE=

=ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN.

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Citizens Comm. to Free ...

Return

18 May 1942

18-55-22

My dear Miss Flynn:

May I congratulate you upon the successful termination of your excellent effort to free Mr. Browder. I am returning the money order which you kindly sent me.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss E. C. Flynn
1138 Broadway
New York City

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11-64-81

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

On Saturday June 27th, 1942, the people of America will celebrate the third National Negro Achievement Day. It is particularly fitting that in this time of war, all America should recognize and applaud the part that Negro America has played in the vast struggle against the enemy of freedom.

In New York City, National center of this celebration, a great parade will be held, a parade in which fraternal orders, trade unions, churches and many other groups will participate. Banners and floats will dramatize the sacrifice of the Negro and his contribution to the war effort.

Following the parade, a large in-door gathering will be held at Harlem's largest auditorium- The Golden Gate, Lenox Avenue at 142nd Street. It is at this meeting particularly that we wish you could appear to receive a Scroll of Honour for your great contribution to the race. Your presence will add colour to the occasion. Your presence will be an oasis of inspiration to Negroes the world over. There are ten great names on our Honour Scrolls:

Mrs. Dorie Miller, mother of Dorie Miller
Rev. A.C. Powell, Councilman, N.Y.C.
Dr. Cannon, President Manhattan Med. Society,
Paul Robeson. International Baritome,
Ferdinand Smith, Labor Relations
Cecil Spaulding, Businessman, N.Carolina
Corporal Joe Louis, U.S. Army
Dr. George Washington Carver, Scientist,
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Field of Educatiob
Dr. W.E. B. DuBois, Educator, Journalist

These are the names of prominent persons on our list who will present the Honour Scrolls:

Mrs. Roosevelt	Pearl Buck
Phillip Randolph	Judge Goldstein
Dr. Channing Tobias	Ray Robinson
Rev. WM. Lloyd Imes	Dr. Leonard Covello
Mrs. Bessie Beardon	

Wont you please make an effort to attend on this great day, for we know you agree that this National event will strengthen the work of all Americans for Victory and Justice.

May we hear from you as soon as possible?
Most sincerely yours,

H. L. Cook R.B.
HERBERT L. COOK
Ex. Chairman

18-44-81

[CITIZENS' COORDINATING COMMITTEE]

16 June 1942

13-44-81

My dear Sir:

I thank you for your invitation of June thirteenth but regret to say that it will be impossible for me to be in New York, June twenty-seventh.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Herbert L. Cook
2286 Seventh Avenue
New York City

29 January 1942

Memo to Miss Clark:

18-5-3

The course on RACE AND CULTURE PROBLEMS OF THE MODERN WORLD to be given the second semester, 1942, will be a combination of courses Nos. 484 RACE PROBLEMS IN THE MODERN WORLD and 474 AMERICAN NEGRO CULTURE. It will use as a basic text Ruth Benedict RACE but its chief work will be a geographical study of race and culture problems all over the world. Each student will be assigned a particular area and will report from time to time upon the problems there and bring in a final written report.

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss C. Janet Clark
Atlanta University
Atlanta

26 February 1942

18-52-17.

My dear Sir:

Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, chairman of the Department of Sociology, Howard University, will give two lectures on the American Family in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library, Monday and Tuesday evenings, March ninth and tenth at seven-thirty p. m. I am writing especially to invite you to be present together with any members of your department.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois
Head, Department of Sociology

Mr. Bernard H. Nelson
Clark College
Atlanta, Georgia

[COLUMBIA STATE]

19 May 1942

The Publisher of STATE
Columbia, South Carolina

18-59

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is ten cents in stamps. Will you kindly send us, if possible, a copy of the issue of STATE for Thursday, May fourteenth?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

5 November 1942

My dear Mr. Conaway:

Will you kindly buy prepare and roast a turkey for Mrs. Du Bois and deliver it to her on Thanksgiving day? Call her up sometime before and asked her just how she would like to have it prepared; just what sort of dressing to be used and when she would want it delivered. Send the bill to me at Atlanta University.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Conaway
Baltimore

16 January 1942

18-54-55

Memo to Mr. Cook:

Here are two statements that were passed around at the Cuban Platica. I doubt if they are of any special importance and yet you might glance at them and see if there is anything we might use or refer to.

Mr. Mercer Cook
Atlanta University
Atlanta

2 October 1942

Dear Mr. Cook:

18-54-56

Greetings! and please rush me by return airmail a bibliography of the Maceos, Antonio and Jose and any of the other seven, and the Mother of the Maceos. One or two references with authors, titles and date will suffice.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Mercer Cook
c/o American Express
Habana, Cuba

Calle L, No.501
c/o Dr.Cubillas
Havana, Cuba
October 11,1942

Dr.W.E.B.Du Bois
Alanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear "Chief":

Your request came right in the midst of a holiday that closed all the libraries from Friday through Monday. The standard work on Maceo is:

Griñán Peralta,Leonardo. Antonio Maceo; análisis caracterológico. La Habana, Editorial Trópico,1936; 265pp.

According to Peralta, Antonio's mother, Señora Grajales Coello, was a widow with four sons when, at the age of 35, she wed Marcos Maceo in 1843. She bore Marcos seven sons and two daughters. The sons were: Antonio , Miguel,Rafael,José,Tomás , Marcos, and Julio; the daughters, Domingo and Baldomera. Only Tomás and Marcos survived the Revolution. Julio died in 1870; Miguel, a lieutenant colonel, died in 1874; Rafael in 1887; José in 1896, five months before Antonio's death. The mother died on Nov.28, 1893 in Kingston,Jamaica, age 85. Peralta also reproduces a supposedly official record of Maceo's military service from Eugenio Antonio Flores, La Guerra en Cuba, Madrid,1895. In addition, Peralta includes a chronological list of important incidents in Maceo's life. This is a book that we really should have in our library.

There is in my office a book, Antonio Maceo, by a man named Carbonnel, I believe. This volume is decidedly inferior to the Peralta study. (Irene might find it, but I doubt that anybody else could.) I can't locate any reference to it in Havana Univ. library. Under Antonio Maceo, the library here does have:

De la campaña, Havana,Imprenta La Prueba,1916, 96 pp. (I think these are extracts from Maceo's letters; have not had time to consult the book.)

Disciplina y dignidad; volume VI of "Cuadernos de Cultura" 2nd. series. La Habana, Secretaria de Educación, 1936.

Señor Urrutia is looking for additional titles. If he unearths anything interesting, I'll pass it on to you.

Next time you have a request, kindly remember that I am now Cuban, and refuse to be rushed -- except, of course, by an invitation to dinner!

Best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

Mercer Cook

19-54-57

L y 29 Vedado
c/o Cubillas
Habana, Cuba

Dr.W.E.B.Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

89-64-68

Dear Chief:

It was delightful to note that you had not forgotten your fellow-Cuban, who is trying to fight the Cuban heat and language to a draw at least.

Thanks to your letter of introduction, I have been made most welcome at the Atenas, which is certainly a most interesting group. Incidentally, I have a copy of a magazine published by them in 1931 and containing an article about you and your photograph.

Still speaking of articles, I did a short one on the way the Cubans had received you, but have heard nothing from it as yet. Last night, at the Palacio Municipal, Dr.Ortiz gave a grand talk on Martí y las razas. I took the liberty of asking him if Phylon might publish it, and of course he replied that he would be delighted. We shall probably have to cut some of it, for it lasted almost one hour and a half.

Did you visit the Palazio Municipal? In one corner there is a life-size picture of Teddy Roosevelt, and in the other __ of all people __ Toussaint Louverture! Cuba really does mix them up, doesn't she?

Best wishes for the summer, Chief, and thanks again for writing me.

Cordially yours,
Mercer Cook

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

CONCERNING

SLAVERY

IN THE

UNITED STATES

By ANNA J. COOPER

Published June, 1942

LES MESURES LEGISLATIVES
CONCERNANT L' ESCLAVAGE AUX
ETATS UNIS DE 1787 *A* 1850

A secondary question proposed by one of her "Jurors" at the soutenance of her printed Thesis at the Sorbonne March 23, 1925; translated for her pupils in American History at Frelinghuysen University by

ANNA J. COOPER, Ph.D.

June 15, 1942

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One day in May, 1619, (precisely one year before the Mayflower at Plymouth) there put in at the little port of Jamestown in the English Colony of Virginia, a Dutch trading vessel which carried in its hold 19 Negroes stolen from the shores of Africa. The captain was in need of supplies in return for which with a quantity of large leaf tobacco sufficient to cover a deal these 19 wretches were sold at auction among the inhabitants of the Colony, and the boat put to sea again, the crew well satisfied that they had done a good turn for the days record.

To tell the truth it was a day's work big with fate, for this day marked the beginning of African slavery in the colonies which were to become the United States of America.

Thus, without the fanfare of trumpets or disturbance of the elements—neither thunder, lightning nor rumbling of earthquake—there entered into American life a fact, silent and unforeseen which was destined nevertheless to embroil the entire future, embitter friendly relations of brothers, of families, of states and finally to stir up a fratricidal war, the most bloody, the most devastating in all previous history.

And yet this fact at first was quite simply a local patriarchal custom, subject to the domestic regulations of the state or of the central power of the federated states. Thus we see that the custom soon disappeared in Massachusetts without opposition or discussion. They said quite simply that slavery was irreconcilable with their state constitution. Vermont never permitted it. Pennsylvania decreed that all children born after 1776 should be free. Other states likewise soon brought about the gradual abolition of a custom generally recognized as vicious and altogether antagonistic to generous principles. Thomas Jefferson in his first draft of the Declaration of Independence accuses George III in regard to Article XII of the Treaty of Utrecht by which an English company was guaranteed the exclusive right of importing slaves from Africa to American

ports: on several occasions the English legislatures in North America had made the attempt to arrest the slave trade but were prevented by the royal veto. "He (the king has waged cruel war against human nature.... determined to keep open a market where men should be bought and sold, he has prostituted his negative for suppressing every legislative attempt to prohibit or to restrain this execrable commerce." Note also, a letter from Jefferson to Condorcet (No. 231 Jefferson collection, MSS. Dept. Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.) Philadelphia, August 30, 1791.

"I am happy to be able to inform you that we have in the U. S., a Negro son of a native African, who is a mathematician of great ability. I have procured for him employment with one of our chief engineers who is drawing up the plan of the new federal city on the Potomac River: in his leisure moments he has written an almanac for next year which he has sent me in his own hand writing and which I enclose herewith. I have seen some of his solutions of extremely complicated geometric problems showing great mathematical genius. He is, let me say, a very worthy and respectable member of society and a free man. I shall be very happy to note similar cases of moral excellence so numerous that one might prove that the lack of talent observed in some individuals of this group is merely the effect of their degraded condition and not at all the result of any difference in the structure of parts on which depends the intellect and higher qualities of the soul."

In the same general tone, is a letter of George Washington to Phylis Wheatley, the African slave of a family in Massachusetts. President Washington thanks the young poetess for a copy of her book of verses and pays her a warm compliment upon her excellent achievment.

On the very eve of the Constitutional Convention the Ordinance of 1787 was to take account of the extension of slavery in a manner unequivocal, energetic, courageous and momentous in its consequences. This

ordinance has the distinctive mark of being the first legislation of Congress as a sovereign body, having power to own and regulate a territory of about 430,000 sq. miles in extent—equal in area to the surface of France, Spain and Portugal combined. This land known as the Northwest Territory became the property of the United States by cession of claims of those states whose western borders were not clearly defined by Charter. New York and Virginia followed by other states of smaller pretentions ceded their claims before the convention of 1787. Thus, the Congress under the Articles of Confederation, which did not authorize it to hold any property, found itself the inheritor of the same problem which the British government had found so perplexing. It was necessary to govern as an absolute power a distant colony without a voice and without representation.

The preliminary plan of which Jefferson was the author was proposed April 23, 1784. It arranged for the establishment of 17 states to the North and to the South of the Ohio River which were to remain forever a part of the United States, should have a republican form of government, and the ordinance creating these states was to be a permanent pact unalterable save by mutual consent between the Federal government and that of the State here formed. It was affirmed in a declaration memorable for alltime that "after the year 1800 there shall not be in any of the said states, either slavery or involuntary servitude except as a punishment for crime of which the person shall have been duly convicted." In the final phrasing adopted in 1787 of which Nathan Dane of Massachusetts was chief scribe, the prohibition of slavery was made perpetual, but at the same time there was added a new phrase, viz., a fugitive slave bill or clause to the effect that the states should be legally bound to return "persons held for service or labor by the laws of another state." Note that the word slave is avoided by a paraphrase.

The Ordinance as finally adopted comprised instead of the 17 states contemplated in the Jefferson plan, only the land north of the Ohio River from which was subsequently formed the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. Although the power of Congress over this territory was absolute in theory, it was necessary to exercise this power in such a way as to encourage self government on the part of the states and by granting them local autonomy as soon as possible.

The importance of the Ordinance of 1787 lies in the fact that it was copied insubsequent legislation for the organization of the territories as the foundation and principle of the American system. Again it is worthy of remark that so far as there was any notice taken of slavery even as a custom, there was the evident purpose at this time to prevent its spread if not to abolish it altogether.

In drawing up the Constitution in the Convention which met at Philadelphia from May 14 to September 17, 1787, the words "Slave," "Slavery" and Slave Trade were carefully avoided although evidently present in the conscious minds of all; further proof that the conception later alleged by the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott decision that the slave was a chattel (a "thing" not a person) was not from the beginning the conception of the fathers of the country. In the words of the Constitution the slaves were "persons held to service or labor under the laws of any state." The "Trade" was "the importation of such persons as any of the states already existing should think proper to admit." That is to say in according to the "states already existing" sovereign rights over their predetermined internal customs, the fathers of the constitution had not the attitude of favoring slavery as an institution and very adroitly put upon it all the restrictions compatible with the leading idea of the day that the union of the 13 colonies was altogether voluntary and that the Federal government possessed only the powers granted to it by the states.

However, **the fact** of slavery as a skeleton at the feast had already become an embarrassment to the fathers of the country, requiring and exacting many compromises, much confusion in trying to reconcile the convenience of the moment with those principles elaborated in the Declaration of Independence; and it was again Jefferson who said: "I tremble for my country when I remember that God is just." He was right.

The first measure of fateful consequences which the presence of Slavery demanded was the provision (Article I, Section 2) of the Constitution in regard to apportionment of representation and direct taxes among the states of the union. "Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several states included within this Union, according to their respective numbers which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons including those bound to service for a term of years and excluding Indians not taxed, **three-fifths of all other persons.**" Since the only persons imaginable outside of the free, the indentured and the Indians must be the slaves from Africa, here was a concession of prime importance to the slave holders who possessed a considerable number of retainers, since a county or voting precinct in the Black Belt in reality gave representation only to the whites altho three-fifths of the slaves there were reckoned in the basis of apportionment. Thus, the proprietor of 500 slaves was worth in his single vote as much as 301 voters at the North in making up the House of Representatives, a manifest injustice.

Again, Article I, Section 9: The Compromise in regard to the Slave Trade, while on its face it seemed to hold the balance equally between the adversaries and the partisans of the Trade, in truth it gave all the advantage to the latter, because the phrase "Shall not be prohibited prior to 1808," although it constrained the Congress to give free rein to the importation of slaves for 20 years, it did not stipulate at all that such importation should cease at this juncture.

Again also Article IV, Section 2, makes once again concession to the Slave power without using the word "Slave." "No person held to service or labor in one state under the laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in consequence of any law or regulation therein, be discharged from such service or labor, but shall be delivered upon claim of the party to whom such service or labor may be due." We have seen that the foundation of such a fugitive slave law had already been voiced in the Ordinance of 1787, but it was only after 1850 that this principle became a burning question. The Constitution had provided for the extradition of fugitive criminals as well as of fugitive slaves; but in the case of criminals the action of giving them up devolved upon the governor of the state to which they had fled. As to slaves the constitution said nothing, but the Congress in 1793 decreed that this duty should rest with the Federal judges or upon local magistrates of the state. Then several states passed "Personal Liberty Laws" forbidding or restraining the action of their magistrates in such cases.

Now the Act of 1850, transferred the jurisdiction of these cases to the Federal courts and to the marshals of the United States, imposed penalties for failure to deliver and refused trial by jury. In consequence, the antislavery sentiment at the North flared out in white heat while slave hunting became more and more brutal.

Men said: "No longer are there any free states. We are all obliged to be at the service of the Slave Power." Even as the immortal Lincoln cried: "The country cannot exist half free and half slave. The house divided against itself cannot stand."

But of all the measures concerning slavery, the most indirect and in appearance the most remote from slavery, but at the same time, the most important in results is found in Article I, Section 3, of the Constitution, known as the Connecticut Compromise, because it was proposed by the delegates from that state in the convention of 1787. Although at this time it

seemed to settle forever the question of representation of states in the general Federal system by giving two senators for each state whether large or small, nevertheless, it was to become the reason and ground of a terrible struggle caused by the policy of slavery. It was slavery that tipped the scales every time a new state presented itself for admission into the Union of States. It was slavery that fostered the dream of an empire from the creation of new born states out of the big Republic of Texas—a dream which turned to reality in the Mexican War and which looked to augmenting enormously the slave power in the Senate. The emigration movement was setting always to the West and Northwest rather than to the South. Consequently the House of Representatives based on population in spite of the three-fifths surplus advantage granted the Slaveholders, soon showed a solid majority in favor of free labor. But in the Senate, while the balance between the states of the North and of the South remained almost even, the South could gain the ascendancy there quite easily by the support of a handful of Senators of the North, who might be indifferent or subservient to the doctrine of non interferance in State Sovereignty.

Now so long as the labor of the slave was altogether domestic and the relation between master and slave remained patriarchal, the only condemnation brought against slavery was purely philosophic from advanced thinkers at the South as well as the North. Nothing could be stronger in this regard than the words and ideals of Jefferson, who often refers to the slaves as "our brothers," and who reproved the notion of "beast of burden" as vigorously as the most ardent of Northern abolitionists did later. In fact, Jefferson in France, manifested great interest in the tenets and purposes of the "Amis des Noirs" society, explaining that as a representative of the United States, he was forbidden to take a more active part in cooperation with them.

In 1793, there was brought out an invention—that of Eli Whitney, for separating the seed from the fibre

of the cotton boll; it was the cotton gin which produced an industrial revolution in the United States and the dream of a school teacher from Connecticut that riveted the chains of slavery more solidly than ever before. At the epoch of the Constitution, men did not believe that the cultivation of cotton could be made profitable for the South. The "roller gin" by slave labor could clean only a half dozen pounds per day. In 1784, eight bales of cotton unloaded at Liverpool from an American boat were seized in the belief that so much cotton could not be the product of the United States. Eli Whitney of Connecticut, who was teaching a school in Georgia having observed from time to time the toilsome labor of the slaves, conceived the idea of a mechanical saw to pick the cotton by dredging it across metal combs too close to admit the seeds. One slave could now gin a thousand pounds per day. The exportation of cotton jumped from 189,000 lbs. in 1791 to 21,000,000 lbs. in 1801 and doubled itself again in three years more. Immediately, cotton was king! All of a sudden also, men envisaged the enormous wealth in the possession of one or more slaves and the profit of the slave trade became the most seductive lure in the world. Starting from this moment the slave power became the most important question in the politics of the United States. Having become now commercial and political, the system lost almost on the instant its patriarchal character. Here commenced the mad struggle for supremacy in the Senate, the battle to the death of the states who would favor slavery—a struggle that would not end till the bloody war of secession and all "the wealth piled by the bondman's toil was sunk and every drop of blood drawn by the lash was paid by another drawn with the sword."

When Thomas Jefferson bought from Bonaparte the vast territory of Louisiana, slavery existed there already, supported by the laws of France and of Spain. It was the prudence of "laissez faire" that Congress tacitly ratified existing laws and customs and slavery not only remained legal but extended itself more and more

across the territory. The State of Louisiana, from this territory, was without question admitted as a slave state in 1812. But when Missouri the second state carved from this territory presented herself for admission likewise as a slave state, it was not without opposition on the part of states of the North and Northwest, where labor was free. Seeing that the equilibrium between the number of antislavery and proslavery states was almost perfectly balanced, although the population of free labor states as we have seen mounted far beyond that of the South, the proposed admission of Missouri was promptly authorized by the Senate representing states, but rejected by the House, which represented population. This deadlock continued several years until 1820 when the admission of Maine at the North, as a free state reestablished the threatened equilibrium and the famous "Missouri Compromise" seemed to calm for a moment the vexing question of slavery. This Compromise of 1820, however, like those of the Constitution, wielded once again the advantage of the moment to slave power with an elusive promise of recompense in the future. Slavery was to be excluded forever in the territory to the north of parallel 36° 30′. Missouri which was wholly to the north of this line was to be admitted **with** slavery and although not expressly stated every one understood that states due to be formed from territory to the South of 36° 30′ should be admitted **with** slavery if they so desired. In fact, Arkansas entered thus in 1836.

So it seemed that the metes and bounds of slavery had been established forever; for states, by the Constitution and for territories, mathematically by the line 36° 30′. But, as often happens, delicate social equilibriums carefully buttressed by such compromises and such laws, not rarely find themselves incapable of resisting the test of the passions and interests of rival men. We shall see it in the denouement.

The war with Mexico for possession of the territory of Texas, which had already declared herself inde-

pendent, was fought (1847-8) solely for the purpose of giving to the Slavocracy, power of expansion in the Senate. Texas was admitted in 1845 as a slave state of course, but, on the condition exacted by the North that only a single state should be molded from its vast terrain. The Southern expansionists had figured out at least 4 new states affording 8 sovereign senators for their party.

In 1850, California, having formed a Constitution by which slavery was prohibited, demanded admission into the Union. Now "Squatter Sovereignty" (i.e., the will of those who have squatted or camped on the ground) a policy invoked by those who wanted to dodge the rigorous application of line 36° 30′ **against** slavery, was found at the moment, in reality, working out to the disadvantage of its creators. Moreover, California was for the most part, North of parallel 36° 30′; and so whether by the **Wilmot Proviso** which aimed to forbid slavery in all territory acquired or due to be acquired by Congress in the future, or by the Missouri Compromise which expressly declared that there should be no slavery to the north of line 36° 30′, or yet against Squatter Sovereignty which left it to the inhabitants of a territory whether they would or would not allow slavery, Calif. seemed to have every right on her side to be admitted without slavery as she wished. But again the slave interests extorted some grand concessions in the famous Compromise of 1850. California was admitted as she desired, but, the organization of the rest of the cession from Mexico had to be without restriction in regard to slavery; and then the "Fugitive Slave Law" which imposed upon all the states the duty of capturing and returning to their masters any slaves who might seek refuge therein, was made more rigorous than ever before.

The Compromise of 1820, strangely enough, was not brought before the Supreme Court for the test of its constitutionality until 30 years after in the famous case of Dred Scott. Scott was a slave of Missouri, whose

master had taken him into a free state. He brought suit for his liberty according to the law of the state where he found himself. In the meantime, having been sold to a citizen of another state, he transferred his suit to the Federal courts which have jurisdicion in cases between citizens of different states. By appeal, the case came before the Supreme Court from which the remarkable decision was handed down, Chief Justice Taney presiding, that neither a slave nor the descendant of slaves could have the rights of citizens; that they could neither sue in the courts nor be recognized under the law save as chattels, i. e. property or possession of a master—**not** as a person or individual. Furthermore, the opinion of the chief justice rendering the decision went on to attack the validity of the legislation in the Act of 1820, alleging that one of the functions of the Congress was the protection of property rights; that slaves had been recognized as property by the Constitution and that Congress was bound to uphold slavery in the territories quite the reverse of prohibiting it. This decision quite frankly threw down the gauntlet between the two governmental theories in the United States; the North, holding that the Constitution regarded slaves as "persons held to service or labor" under the laws of certain states, and that the function of Congress was the protection of **Liberty** quite as much as the protection of property; and that Congress was bound to prohibit slavery in the territories, quite the reverse of protecting it.

The South on the otherhand, maintained that the duty of Congress to protect slavery was now affirmed by the Supreme Court, that the republicans of the North were rejecting the only peaceable interpretation of the Constitution and that the South could no longer submit even to "Squatter Sovereignty" leaving it to the inhabitants to decide for territories. You see the impasse. Nothing but the arbitrament of arms could untangle the situation; after which, Amendment 14 of the Constitution was to define the law of citizenship in a manner so comprehensive and clear that it must settle for all time

the question involved in the Dred Scott decision by establishing forever the **status** of citizens of the United States:

"**All persons** born or naturalized in the United States are citizens thereof and of the States in which they reside.

29 December 1942

17-4-72

Gentlemen:

Will you send me a catalogue and prices of such recent literature as you have for sale on the cooperative movement? I have most of the literature published up to 1940.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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19-54-54

November 23, 1943

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
The Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

May I thank you again for the fine meeting you gave us last Friday evening. Your serene and lucid lecture added a new dimension to our African course.

I hope that your week in New York was a happy one and that you can remember plesantly your trip to Cooper Union.

If you can conveniently put your hands on a good likeness of yourself, please send it along as we would like to frame it for the Green Room.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Houston Peterson

Houston Peterson

HP:LC
Enclosure

22 January 1942

Memo to Mr. Coulborn:

Could you square it with your conscience to admit that outside world systems there may be a realm of the unsystematic which may sometime become systematic and, on the other hand, may never be included in any system? Would this absolutely conflict with your rejection of Sorokin's "congeries" in general?

Mr. Rushton Coulborn
Atlanta University
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March 26, 1942

18-58-16

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Dubois:

I am very anxious to obtain a short statement from you on the question of what each individual can do to help in the war effort. This is to be used in the Council For Democracy's monthly clipsheet "News And Features", a publication which is sent to 2500 papers throughout the country.

One column in the clipsheet is entitled "The Quiz Reporter" which is an emulation of the "Inquiring Photographer" idea used in the Daily News. I mention this so that you may guide yourself in answering the above mentioned question, since I wish to use your statement in the "Quiz Reporter" column. I am enclosing our last three copies of "News And Features" so that you may see the types of people we have approached in the past and the type of material we have been using and trying to get across to the public.

As the deadline for the page is coming up in five days, I shall greatly appreciate a prompt answer. Would you also kindly enclose a photograph of yourself to be used in that column. Incidentally, the statement is to be about fifty words.

I am looking forward to hearing from you and wish to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Gene Hurley

Gene Hurley
Publicity Director

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9 April 1942

18-58-17

My dear Sir:

You letter of March 26 came too late for me to respond in five days. If you wish a statement sometime in the future and will give me longer notice, I shall be glad to reply.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Gene Hurley
Council for Democracy
11 West 42nd Street
New York City

NEWS OF AFRICA

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The Crisis In India - Its Relation To The Colonial World

India is today the decisive factor in the Colonial world. Whatever decisions are made as a settlement of the present crisis in that land of 400,000,000 will vitally effect the millions of Africa.

We hope a speedy settlement, acceptable to the people of India, will be reached. We hope that negotiations between the Indian National Congress and the British Government will be reopened and that the Indian demand to enlist on the side of the United Nations as a free people will be recognized.

The Council on African Affairs is holding a Mass Meeting on the present Indian crisis and other colonial questions at Manhattan Center - September 2nd at 8:30 P.M. Paul Robeson, Michael Quill, Channing Tobias, Max Yergan, Kumar Goshal, others to be announced.

Such recognition will result in the fullest mobilization of Indian men and forces under a popular government which will have the confidence of the Indian people.

A speedy and generous recognition of the reasonable demands of Indians for freedom to defend their country will be hailed by African and other colonial people as well as by the people of the United Nations. It will serve notice that the leaders of the United Nations intend to carry out the principles of the Atlantic Charter and that the war is truly a war for national and popular liberation. A free India is a step towards a free Africa and a free world.

It is unthinkable that a great antifascist like Nehru should today be languishing in prison because he represents the very principles for which the war is being fought. Our hope for his release symbolizes our conviction that a policy which will win the Indian people to their proper place, with the United Nations against fascism, is urgently needed.

THE BELGIAN CONGO IN THE WAR

Congolese soldiers, who form an integral part of the Belgian Congo's army, played an outstanding role in freeing Ethiopia from fascist rule. After a long trans-African expedition from the Congo to Ethiopia, through virtually uninhabited country, African soldiers distinguished themselves in action in many branches of the military services. A number were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Of vital importance to the United Nations war effort are the rich resources of the Belgian Congo. It supplies the largest quantity of the world's radium, cobalt, copal (resin) and diamonds. In copper production it ranks second in the world. Over 110,000 tons of palm oil are produced annually. It also yields large quantities of gold and tin.

Factories are being steadily converted to war production. The textile factories at Leopoldville, capital of the Congo, for instance, formerly produced only light fabrics for clothing but are now supplying heavy materials, canvasses, bandages, etc. for both the Belgian Congo and Free French Africa. Their personnel has doubled and now includes skilled African workers in all departments of textile activity.

The railways, upon which so much of the war effort depends, are now run almost entirely by African brakemen, signal men, train engineers, conductors, station masters, etc.

Africans who are contributing so much to the defense of their country, the whole African continent and the United Nations, are rightfully demanding fuller and freer participation in this effort, and they will expect an allied victory to guarantee full freedom for themselves and all Colonial peoples.

AFRICAN WOMEN HOLD CONFERENCE

African women met in their first round table conference last month, in Johannesburg, South Africa, to discuss the role of African women.

They have been particularly active in campaigning for Government allowances for the children of African soldiers and together with Indian and other non-European peoples have now formed a non-European Soldiers' Dependants' League. In a recent delegation to Prime Minister Smuts, (led by the National Council of African Women,) they urged that the results of such action would benefit the defense of South Africa. Their efforts are meeting with enthusiastic support among all sections of the population.

EQUALITY FOR THE AFRICANS

From an editorial in the West African Pilot, a Nigerian newspaper owned and managed by Africans:

"We endorse the views of the Council on African Affairs (when at its meeting in New York it called for the integration of Negroes into the various war efforts of the United Nations and a total elimination of discrimination,Ed) and hope that the rulers of the Colonial peoples will see the wisdom of its recommendations.

"Freedom and equality cannot be obtained half and half - that is, for one section of the world, while the other sections remain in servitude, political, economic, etc."

Clergy Support African Demands

Returning from a visit to the North African front, the Rt. Rev. Wilfrid Parker, Bishop of the City of Pretoria, South Africa, declared that the majority of white South African troops there support the arming of African peoples.

In a spirited address to a large church Synod of colored and white members, the Rt. Rev. A.H. Cullen, Bishop of Grahamstown, South Africa, urged that Africans, "who are qualified to shed their blood in defense of their country, should also be qualified to enter upon all the duties and privileges of full citizenhood."

DR. R.T. BOKWE JOINS COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

In accepting the CAA'S invitation to become one of its members, Dr. R. T. Bokwe, a physician and prominent African leader in South Africa writes:

"I wish to assure you of my willing cooperation in all the Council does to promote the welfare of my people ...

"Just at present we Africans feel we are only partially in the fight, for much as we wish to take up arms against Nazism and all it stands for, by the curious reasoning of some of our white fellow countrymen this privilege is denied us. (Pro-Axis forces in particular are bitterly opposed to the arming of Africans, Ed.) .

"Apparently there are some to whom the lessons of Malaya and Burma have meant little nor have those of Russia and China whose great and noble resistance has had its foundation in the willingness of the people to be right in the fight."

Nigerians Join R.A.F.

In a farewell message to their fellow country-men, five Africans who recently left Nigeria, West Africa, to join the British Royal Air Force, expressed their determination to fight as"living parts" of the United Nations for victory over fascism."

"West Africa", they declared, "must take her place in the post war world, not as she used to be in total submission to her master, but taking an equal share with other great nations in world affairs."

Lieutenant Seth K. Anthony, a native of the Gold Coast, W. Africa, holds the distinction of being the first West African to be appointed to the rank of officer in the British Army.

Paul Robeson URGES EQUALITY FOR ALL PEOPLES

At a Free Peoples Dinner in his honor in Hollywood, Calif., last month, Paul Robeson, speaking as chairman of the CAA declared:

"The triumphant end of the war must bring a world where there can be no question of a colored people or a white people, but a question purely of human beings, a world where there can be no question of colonial exploitation of any kind.

"There can be no question anywhere of a "backward" people if they are given complete equality.. this is every man's war...this is no war for white or colored imperialism. Certainly it is a war to free all people, not only, as our President said, "for one generation, but for all generations."

Ethiopia Must Be Included

Ethiopia is not yet a member of the United Nations Alliance though the Ethiopians are among the foremost fighters against fascism. We urge our readers to write President Roosevelt requesting him to use his influence to the end that Ethiopia be immediately included as a free and equal member.

AFRICAN UNIONS GROW

Trade union recognition is stimulating the growth of unions among the thousands of unorganized African workers in South Africa. In the building and printing trades, African workers are particularly active and are forming organizing committees.

Realizing the importance of unity, colored iron, steel and metal workers have joined to form the S.A. Non-European Confederation of Iron, Steel and Metal Workers' Union. The union plans campaigns in factories and in mining towns.

AFRICA TODAY

Belgian Congo (80 times size of Belgium

population: 12,000,000 Africans
30,000 whites

200 dialects spoken

READ: "Africa Emergent" by Prof. W.H. Macmillan, Pub., Faber & Faber.

"Empire" - monthly British magazine

Does your library carry informative books on Africa? If not, let us know and we shall ask them to obtain an up-to-date selection for you. Several Public Libraries are cooperating with us.

Our next bulletin will tell you of an Exhibit on AFRICAN Life and Culture which the CAA is preparing for the Fall.

Officers of the Council
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Remember The Mass Meeting on India - - - - at Manhattan Center September 2nd. 8:30 p.m.

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COLONIAL WORLD LOOKS FOR FAVORABLE ACTION IN INDIA

Freedom-loving people throughout the world are disappointed and alarmed that the British Government has not reopened negotiations with the Indian National Congress for the purpose of arriving at a settlement which will result in winning the people of India as willing allies of the United Nations. We know that the people of the colonial world anxiously await a settlement favorable to the just demands of the Indian people. Such a settlement will indicate to all colonial peoples that the United Nations intend to fulfill their war aims for the freedom of all people. Such a settlement will also be an indication that other colonial peoples will be mobilized against the Axis and that their mobilization will be based on an extension of democratic rights to them.

The continued imprisonment of Nehru, Maulana Azad, Moslem president of the INC, and other anti-fascist leaders as well as the shooting of over 700 Indians are applications of the old Tory policy which lost Singapore, Malaya and Burma. It is such a policy which today immobilizes the millions of potential allies of the United Nations in India, Africa and other colonial areas.

The people of India are asking for a popular government which will energetically raise a people's army to resist Japanese invasion in "the Chinese way". It seems to us that a demand which will result in such effective aid to the allied cause expresses an essential need and is therefore a win-the-war demand which should be immediately granted.

ENTHUSIASTIC MASS MEETING ON INDIA

At the "Free India Rally" held under the auspices of the Council on African Affairs in New York City on September 2nd, 4,000 people cheered enthusiastically when Mr. Kumar Goshal, noted Indian author, declared "The only way we can prevent Japan from attacking India tomorrow is by opening a second front in Western Europe today." "In addition to this", Mr. Goshal insisted "give India a national government".

"Freedom for India would speed a free Africa and would hasten the arming of Africans", emphasized Dr. Max Yergan, the Council's executive director, in an informative speech on the meaning of India's freedom to Africa. "In Africa, as elsewhere, freedom for the people is the best and most effective basis for a fighting people", he said.

Other prominent speakers were Paul Robeson; Michael Quill, International president of the United Transport Workers Union, CIO; Liu Liang-mo, Chinese poet; New York City Councilman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.; Mr. Frederick V. Field, chairman of the editorial board of Amerasia; Dr. Channing H. Tobias, secretary of the National Council of the YMCA and Mrs. Ntombi Tantsi, educator from South Africa.

Resolutions calling for the opening of a second front now and the establishment of an Indian National Government "as the most compelling issues which demand immediate action by the United Nations" were sent from the meeting to the President, the British Government and the Indian National Congress.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

It is of vital importance to the united war effort and to the future of all colonial peoples that India be won as a willing ally of the United Nations. Resolutions from your clubs, unions, fraternal and other groups to the President and the British Trades Union Congress, Transport House, London, urging the reopening of negotiations between Britain and the leaders of the INC will make clear to those responsible the strong desire which exists in America for a satisfactory settlement of the Indian question.

STUDENTS CALL FOR FREEDOM FOR AFRICA

At the International Student Assembly held in Washington, D.C., Sept. 2-5, delegates representing 55 nations unanimously adopted a declaration which states that "Asia, Asia Minor, Africa, as well as Europe must be free. WE MUST RENOUNCE IMPERIALISM AND ALL ITS EVILS. THIS MEANS WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENCE FOR COLONIALS AND EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIONAL, RELIGIOUS AND RACIAL MINORITIES".

ARM US NOW

This is the insistent demand rising throughout Africa as Africans foresee the dire consequences which failure to arm the people may bring to their continent.

News from Cape Town, South Africa, tells of African recruits volunteering at the rate of 1,000 a week for training as truck drivers, mechanics, stretcher bearers and in other technical jobs.

E. W. Wentsel, white president of the Cape Federation of Labor Unions, recently told the Secretary for Defense of S. A., that if all colored people were given the right to bear arms and equality in the armed forces, he could promise the government a full regiment immediately from one province alone.

The Dutch Reformed Church of S.A., led by strong pro-fascist elements, condemns the arming of native peoples as "contrary to the constitution and principles of the Word of God" and concludes "The Government should see that non-Europeans will be used only in subordinate and menial capacities".

Such an argument shows the correctness of the insistence upon arming Africans. Fascist ideology of this nature can only be eradicated by a strong, positive policy on the part of the S.A. Government and we hope that General Smuts will immediately carry out his declared willingness to arm Africans.

WEST AFRICA'S DRIVE FOR TIN AND RUBBER

In West Africa an intensified drive is being made to increase production of tin and rubber and the people are responding enthusiastically. Here, too, they are wondering why they are not participating fully as armed soldiers in the United Nations war effort.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE IN EGYPT

Thousands of women wearing Allied uniforms and representing many different nationalities are to be found in Alexandria, Cairo and in the West Desert itself, assisting Allied troops as they push back the Nazi advance toward the Suez Canal. "Our men have high praise for the work these women are doing", writes a soldier at the front.

WEST AFRICA'S FIRST WOMAN MAGISTRATE

An African woman of Nigeria, Miss Stella Thomas, has been appointed the first woman magistrate in the history of West Africa, and is now serving in the Ikeja district of her native land. Previous to this, Miss Thomas was the first woman admitted to the bar in West Africa.

UNIONS INCREASE WAR PRODUCTION

In the famous Katanga copper belt of Northern Rhodesia, containing one third of the world's copper reserves, the Mine Workers Union has been responsible for the establishment of a copper production committee which will make every effort to

increase production of this important metal. The committee consists of company officials and workers on the Roan Antelope Mine.

The National Union of Distributive Workers in S. Africa has decided to adopt a unit in the armed forces to which it will send gifts. The union believes this will establish a strong link between soldiers at the front and workers at home.

AFRICAN WORKERS ORGANIZE

African workers have formed two new unions in S. Africa, a union for elevator operators and superintendents and a Flock Workers Union. The latter is composed mainly of African women who work in the production of military blankets.

VICHY SENDS AFRICANS TO WORK FOR HITLER

Reports that the Vichy Government has agreed to send African Senegalese workers from French West Africa to the Ruhr Valley to work in Nazi factories brings into the open once again Vichy's active role in helping the Axis.

Today Vichy control[illegible]ous territories in North a[illegible]est Africa. Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, at the gateway to the Mediterranean, produce most of Vichy's cork, maize and wool. French West Africa, a huge area with a population of 15 million people, exports large quantities of groundnuts to France, also bananas, coffee, cotton, cocoa and palm oil.

Vichy's control of Dakar, strategic West African port, is a threat to the safety of the Americas, and allied supply routes in the South Atlantic and to Western Europe. Dakar, only 1865 miles from Brazil, has one of the finest harbors on the coast and large modern docks. It was announced only recently that the Vichy Government was negotiating with Hitler to allow Nazi Germany the use of Dakar.

The United Nations should take over Dakar and African people should be armed against aggression from their pro-Axis neighbor.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE IN LOS ANGELES

Widespread and enthusiastic interest in colonial questions and the problems of Africa in particular was manifested in a recent meeting held under the auspices of the Council on African Affairs in Los Angeles. The meeting was addressed by Paul Robeson, chairman, and Max Yergan, executive director of the Council.

Resolutions calling for the immediate opening of a second front, freedom for India and the arming of Africans were unanimously adopted. As a result of this meeting the Council will have a strong working committee in Los Angeles.

BELGIAN CONGO TO INCREASE QUININE PRODUCTION

The Belgian Congo, which already produces quinine, will in another year or two be in position to supply the whole African continent's demands for this indispensable remedy in the fight against malaria.

Cinchona trees planted in Kivu by a Belgian chemical society are expected to produce quinine equal in quality to that which the Dutch East Indies supplied in the past, and which has now been lost to Japan.

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ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY

3 February 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

You will probably remember having had lunch with a group of people at the Oyster Bar of the Grand Central Station in New York during the Christmas meetings of the American Sociological Society. During the lunch we happened to speak of Fortune Magazine, and you asked whether I thought you ought to subscribe to it. The way I save $10.00 a year and yet keep in touch with the magazine is through their Bureau of Special Services. I'm enclosing a copy of their February table of contents, from which they will send you desired reprints free of chrage.

I don't know how one gets on their mailing list - they simply send it to me. I thought I might pass this on to you in case it might be of interest to you. I've written for two of these articles this month, the one on the Japanese and Hocking's article.

Sincerely yours,

Paul F. Cressey

Paul F. Cressey

18-49-53

20 February 1942

My dear Mr. Cressey:

Thank you for your suggestion of February third. I shall be glad to get in touch with the Fortune Bureau of Special Services.

I was glad to have the pleasure of meeting you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Paul F. Cressey
Wheaton College
Norton, Massachusetts

26 February 1942

18-52-15

My dear Sir:

Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, chairman of the Department of Sociology, Howard University, will give two lectures on the American Family in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library, Monday and Tuesday evenings, March ninth and tenth at seven-thirty p. m. I am writing especially to invite you to be present together with any members of your department.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois
Head, Department of Sociology

Mr. R. E. Cureton
54 C Street Southwest
Atlanta, Georgia

[DALEY]

9 December 1942

18-54-22

My dear Mr. Daley:

I want to express my very deep obligation to you for your kindness while I was in New Orleans. I enjoyed the trip and enjoyed meeting you.

You will be glad to learn that I had no difficulty in getting a yellow taxi up at the corner and in changing my ticket and getting a train for Atlanta. It was of course a tremendously crowded trip but I really enjoyed it although we did not get into Atlanta until one o'clock in the morning.

Miss Howard mentioned the fact that you had tried to secure entrance in Atlanta University for two of your good students in French but that your letters had not been ans ered. Would you mind giving me the facts concerning this? This administration is bad and getting worse and I want to get facts together to present in the proper place. We sorely need students and it is astonishing to have applications neglected in this way.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. T. A. Daley
Dillard University
New Orleans

2634½ Pine Place
So. Gate, Calif.
Dec 26, 1942.

18-50-14

Dr. W. E. Burghardt Du Bois,
Amsterdam Star News,
New York City.

Books

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

In the course of my studying Negro American History I discovered you in the Los Angeles Public Library and the Amsterdam Star News.

I have read your autobiography and Black Folk - Then and Now, and will soon read Souls of Black Folk, which I find most

often quoted.

I specalized in History in College but find I know nothing of the Negro people or their history except in connection with great political events in American History. ~~And~~ What a revelation I am having in studying Negro History! I believe it is a conspiracy of silence in the war of discrimination against the Negro people, because how can anyone know American History without studying the Negro people?

Never have I had so much pleasure studying as I have now in becoming acquainted

with Negro America. Above all am I glad to have a reading acquaintance with you and Carter G. Woodson.

I am making a scrap-book along with my studying to make it more graphic, easier to remember and as a tribute to the Negro people. Collecting suitable material, to be of lasting interest, is quite a task. I want to include you in my section on education and Negro organizations and would appreciate it if you would tell me where I can obtain 1 small picture of you, not more than 3 inches by 3 inches, and one larger one to send to my father.

your portrait in Black Manhattan by James W. Johnson is a very fine one and if possible I would like to have a copy of it.

I am making short biographical notes on outstanding Negro people and have made notes from your autobiography. To have it up-to-date I would like to know what your intents are now, if you are still at Atlanta and in what capacity, and anything of intest of your wife and family. I note you dedicated your autobiography to your granddaughter.

Anticipating the pleasure of hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,
Dávila
Salida Hassan (Mrs)

DIVISION ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND TEACHER PERSONNEL
COMMISSION ON TEACHER EDUCATION
AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

5835 KIMBARK AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 14, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Editor, Phylon
Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.

Phylon - Editorial Board

18-51-7

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I recently was granted the degree of doctor of philosophy by the University of Chicago. Will you kindly have the statement with regard to my degree as a member of the staff of Phylon revised?

May I thank you for your recent review of Black Reality? We appreciate them.

Sincerely yours,

Allison Davis

18-51-8

6 May 1942

My dear Mr. Davis:

I sent the enclosed petition to the President and Board of Trustees in April. No particular action was taken but several of the trustees and Jackson Davis of the General Education Board have expressed their interest in this program. I want to have you know about it and if we can possibly get it going to have you take part in it. For instance, in the colleges which have any courses in anthropology or psychology, studies might be made of various local groups increasing in breadth and intensity as the men whom the colleges employ are qualified. From such studies, as they increase in number, we might make integrations and interpretations and include these among our Atlanta University publications either by themselves or as part of the general studies.

I hope you will think this over and I will write you further as plans mature. If I can procure a printed copy of my original speech to the Land-Grant College presidents in which I made the proposal, I will send it to you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Allison Davis
5835 Kimbark Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

18 February 1942

18-55-94

My dear Davis:

I am sorry to say that I do not think that I can get to Cleveland this year for a lecture. I have so much literary work that it will be impossible to plan my usual spring trip.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Davis.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Harry E. Davis
202 Engineers Building
Cleveland, Ohio

HARRY E. DAVIS
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
202-206 ENGINEERS BUILDING
CLEVELAND

MAIN 1320

18-50-12

July 3, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I enclose copy of report of Committee on Race Relations, American Association of Physical Anthropologists on the "blood bank". This was issued through the Brush Foundation of this city and I think is worth having on file.

Sincerely,

Harry E. Davis

Harry E. Davis

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enc.

6 July 1942

18-50-13

My dear Davis:

Thank you so much for the report. I am leaving for Baltimore Wednesday and shall hope to see you at Highland Beach this summer.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Davis.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Harry E. Davis
202 Engineers Building
Cleveland

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MAIN 1320

Lecture 1943

October 12, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

19-10-3

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Will you please advise me if you contemplate having a lecture tour this season. The St. James Forum of this city is planning its course and would want to include you if you are going to be available.

With best wishes and kindest regards in which Mrs. Davis joins, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Harry E. Davis

jm

24 October 1942

18-45-25

My dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter of October 12. I think I shall be giving lectures in the Middlewest in February. As soon as I get my main itinerary in mind, I will write and let you know.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Attorney Harry E. Davis
202 Engineers Building
Cleveland

[DE FREITAS]

16 January 1942

18-45-63.

My dear Mr. de Freitas:

I appreciate your letter of December 23, and agree with you. I shall mention the subject in my Amsterdam News column.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Percy de Freitas
485 Franklin Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

[Dillard University]

30 November 1942

18-55-36

My dear President Dent:

I am speaking Friday night, December 4, at Southern University. If it is convenient, I should like to spend the night of December third at Dillard as I arrive in New Orleans at 10:30 p. m.

I could arrange to speak at Dill rd Saturday or Sunday, if you should wish, at a reduced fee.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Albert W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

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HAVERFORD
PENNSYLVANIA

September 19, 1942.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Goergia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

It is almost too much to ask a man for his sources on a book written forty-three years ago, but I am very much ~~interested~~ wish to find out a little more about a statement which you made on page 360 of the Philadelphia Negro. In your discussion of intermarriage, you state,

> "Some marriages with Quakers took place, one especially in 1825, when a Quakeress married a Negro, created much comment. Descendants of this couple still survive."

This interests me greatly, for I am in the process of completing a book on Quakers and Slavery, and the question of Quaker race attitudes naturally comes into the picture. If you can give me any further information about Quaker-Negro marriages, particularly the one in 1825, I should appreciate it very much. I can assure you that I will keep anything in confidence which you so desire.

In my study I have run across no such incidents as you mention. And, as President Emeritus Comfort here at Haverford says, "Hardly a man is now alive who can remember the days of '25." I should deeply appreciate any enlightenment you can give me on the subject.

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas E. Drake

TED:ABH

30 September 1942

18-44-83

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of September 19, but as you suggest I haven't the slightest idea where I got the information which you quote from PHILADELPHIA NEGRO. Of course, you will realize that then and even now statements about unpopular race intermarriages have to be made carefully so as to offend no one's feelings. I am certain, however, that the facts stated in the PHILADELPHIA NEGRO are absolutely true otherwise I would not have dared even to make an intimation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Thomas E. Drake
Haverford College Library
Haverford, Pennsylvania

10 October 1942

18-46-84

My dear Sir:

Following my letter of September 30, I to in touch with one of the leading colored persons of Philadelphia. She is a granddaughter of a bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and a graduate and Ph. D. of the University of Pennsylvania. She writes me a letter from which I am extracting the enclosed note.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

(over)

Mr. Thomas E. Drake
Haverford College Library
Haverford, Pennsylvania

"I have many times heard the same fact that you stated on page 360 of your PHILADELPHIA NEGRO. In fact, on numerous occasions when we passed the house located near twelfth and Walnut Streets, my mother used to tell me that the daughter of the Quaker family that lived in that house married a Negro, but I never knew the name. I telephoned Dr. Henry Minton, who is well informed on Philadelphia Negro history. He too had heard this fact but he could not give me any name. I also went to see my uncle, Dr. N. F. Mossell. He said that he does not know any facts but that he thinks the family name was Maps. The descendants of the marriage, according to his recollection, taught in some of the Quaker schools when they were first established for Negroes, and later their descendants passed over on the white side. He states that he is by no means positive that the Maps are the family to whom you refer. As you know my uncle is eighty-five years of age and has always been interested in Negro affairs. If he does not know, I do not know anyone from whom I can get the information. I asked him if he had any suggestions. He said that the people who would know are dead."

HAVERFORD COLLEGE LIBRARY

THE QUAKER COLLECTION
THOMAS E. DRAKE, CURATOR
ANNA B. HEWITT, ASSISTANT CURATOR

November 6, 1942.

HAVERFORD
PENNSYLVANIA

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am grateful for your second letter dated October 10, with information relative to my inquiry of September 19. The information which your informant in Philadelphia supplied may be correct, that it was the "Maps" family in which the intermarriage occurred. Henry J. Cadbury mentions this family in his "Negro Membership in the Society of Friends", Journal of Negro History, Vol. 21, April 1936, pp. 188-190. The spellings are various — Mapes, Mapp, and Maps — but all of Dr. Cadbury's information seems to relate to David Mapp, of New Jersey, who had a son and daughter by his second wife, Anna Douglas Mapp. The daughter was Grace A. Mapp, who graduated from McGrawville College, New York, in 1852, and in 1853 became a member of the Girls Department of the Friends' high school, "The Institute for Colored Youth."

This does not throw much light on my question, but it is the sort of thing which need not be pursued, in any case. I appreciate your helping me in it.

I have just finished the Reconstruction Period in one of my classes in American History, and have put the story to the boys from various angles, including your own as you express it in Black Reconstruction. You would be interested, I know, to hear their reactions. Some of the Southern boys are more sympathetic with your point of view than the Northerners, who tend to be "revisionist".

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas E. Drake

TED:ABH

Signed for information

28-94-81

CROSS REFERENCE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PRECEDING,

CORR OF DUBOIS AND THOMAS DRAKE, SEPT. 19 - NOV. 6, 1942

SEE THE FOLLOWING:

CORR. OF DUBOIS AND SADIE ALEXANDER, SEPT 30 - OCT 6, 1942

13 January 1942

18-50-47

My dear Nina:

You certainly have burdens piled upon you and I only hope you will not break under them. I was so sorry to hear about Du Bois and hope she is better now. She is such a forceful child and so full of daring and initiative that I suppose she will always have her troubles but despite all it makes her most interesting and worthwhile. I am writing to her.

I have kept well and after some severe weather we are having some pleasant sunshine again. We have had only a flurry of snow.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

22 January 1942

84-09-81

Dear Nina:

I am glad that Du Bois is getting on so well and that you at least are holding up. I wish you would try to make it a rule to lie down for an hour in the middle of the day. Even if you do not sleep, just lie quiet. You have no idea how much this will do for your health in the long run, especially after all that you have been through.

Send Du Bois' doctor's bill when it comes in. I am ordering St. John's book to be sent to you.

I am quite well and we are having very beautiful weather. For the next ten days I shall have a sort of vacation between semesters but shall simply stay here and work a little less strenuously.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

29 January 1942

18-50-49

Dear Nina:

Enclosed is my check for $125 for your monthly account. Have you heard anything from the nursery men? I very much want that fertilizer put all over the yard. I will write them anyway.

I hope Du Bois is getting on. How about her music lessons?

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

27 February 1942

My dear Nina:

Enclosed is my check for $125 for your monthly expenses. My love to the others.

Yours with love,

18-50-50

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

17 March 1942

My dear Nina:

I am well and busy getting out a number of PHYLON to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of Atlanta University. I think we will have a fine number. I am glad all of you seem to be doing well. Give my love to Yolande and Du Bois. I shall write them both soon.

The United States Government through the Council of Learned Societies has asked me to attend a scientific meeting in Port-au-Prince, Haiti April thirteenth to twenty-second. I think I shall go. I hope to be at home a few hours April fifth.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

18-50-51

27 March 1942

18-50-52

Dear Nina:

The trip to Haiti has been cancelled. A considerable number of the South American delegates were unable to get transportation and without them the conference would not have been a success. So I shall have to give up my much desired Haitian trip.

I shall come North in April but I think it will be the last instead of the first. As I figure now, I shall probably eat Sunday dinner with you April 26. I am sorry to disappoint Du Bois but I will be writing her. I am so glad h r wound is healing nicely. Have you taken her over to Washington recently? I suppose you have heard that Virginia had mumps. Mrs. Mays brought word to me. I have not heard how she is getting on. If you did not know it, you might telephone and inquire.

I am quite well and had an interesting lecture in South Carolina recently with a large crowd.

My best love to all of you,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

30 March 1942

18-50-53

Dear Nina:

Enclosed is your monthly check for $115. I am also enclosing a check for the florist but do not give it to him unless he has begun to do some work on the lot. If he has not done anything keep it until he comes.

I may be up Sunday the nineteenth. If not, then Sunday, the twenty-sixth.

With love to all,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

18-60-54

8 April 1942

My dear Nina:

Perhaps y u have already heard how ill Virginia has been. She did not have mumps but pneumonia and streptococcus in addition to her lupus. She was very near death last week. Sadie wrote me Friday and I have written and telegraphed Virginia. She is at Sadie's home having left the hospital. The address is

1708 Jefferson Street
Philadelphia

I wish some of you could go to see her. She may never be entirely well again.

I am speaking at Vassar and Yale, April twenty-second to twenty-fourth. I shall be in Philadelphia on the twenty-seventh and come down that night spending Tuesday, the twenty-eighth, in Baltimore. The next morning I shall start South.

I hope this will find you and the family well.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

12-50-55

4 May 1942

My dear Nina:

I arrived home Saturday morning after having had a trip which was not only interesting but really restful. I found everything all right here. I have sent you by book post the two first bound volumes of PYLON which I thought might be put in the living room library. Also I am putting your name down so that you will received a regular copy as well as Yolande. I was glad to find you looking so well.

I am writing again to the nursery people and hope they will move soon.

My love to all,

Mrs. Nina C. Du Bois
Baltimore

18-50-56

6 May 1942

My dear Nina:

Here is a check for forty dollars to cover the expenditures you have made on the grounds and the others you have in mind.

With love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

15 May 1942

Dear Nina:

Go ahead and buy stuff for the yard and have it put on and let me know what the bill will be. I have got to run to New York again and it is possible that I shall have dinner with you Sunday, May twenty-fourth.

Love to all,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

I-C-57

21 May 1942

18-50-58

My dear Nina:

Enclosed is a letter from Virginia. She seems to be having a pretty hard time. I don't think I shall stop to see her on this trip as she is not very conveniently located so say nothing about the trip to her.

I am planning to arrive in Baltimore at 4:46 p. m. Sunday, May twenty-fourth. I shall leave Monday afternoon.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

28 May 1942

18-50-59

My dear Nina:

I had a very pleasant visit with Logan in Washington and stayed at Mrs. Davidson's. She sent her best regards to you. I reached Atlanta early Wednesday morning. It was pleasant to see the home looking so beautiful and things going on so well. Spend what you think is necessary for the yard and let me know what it amounts to.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

16 June 1942

18-50-60

My dear Nina:

I just returned this morning from Hampton and found your ltter. I am glad you are getting somethings done on the house and thank God for rain. I have been attending another meeting of the Land-Grant Colleges at Hampton and I think I have a very splendid plan on foot for a cooperative study of social conditions in the South. I was very pleasantly entertained.

I shall be up early in July.

My love to DuBois, Yolande and yourself,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

29 June 1942

18-50-61

My dear Nina:

Enclosed is your check: $115 for the monthly expenses and $35 toward such extra expense on the house and grounds as you have been put to. We are having good hot weather here but I am keeping well. Friday we went down to the Tuskegee flying school and had a very interesting visit.

I am planning to leave here Wednesday morning, July eighth, and will probably get into Washington, Sunday or Monday.

My love to all,

Mrs. Nina C. Du Bois
Baltimore

21 September 1942

Dear Nina:

I wrote you a scrawl when I arrived in Atlanta. I am now nicely settled in my rooms. They were clean and attractive. Elizabeth is still on duty.

By the way I think I must have left that square leather box of studs and cuff links. It probably is in my bureau. If you find it, please rush it to me. I cannot put on dress clothes without it.

I hope you and the family are getting on. We are being charged four dollars extra a month for board and I know food prices for you must be high.

With love to all,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

18-50-62

29 September 1942

82-09-81

Dear Nina:

Enclosed is your monthly check. I have made it for the full amount of $125 and taken out nothing on the Wanamaker bill although I have paid the bill. I thought I would wait and see how you can adjust your expenses.

Everything is going on all right here although we have had some good cold weather so that I have used my light overcoat and we have had steam on.

With love to all,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

8 October 1942

Dear Nina:

How are you? I have not heard from you since I sent the check. Please send me the Wanamaker bill for September first. Also will you send me the stubs of the check books which I kept during the summer for July, August and September until the time you came back? I want to transfer my expenditures to my accounts here. I will return them to you. I hope all is well.

Yours with love,

Thank Du Bois for her papers. I shall write her.

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

P. S. Thank you very much for the studs. They came all right.

18-50-63

10 October 1942

My dear Nina:

I have received the enclosed letter from the Professor of Soils at the University of Maryland and I think we ought to follow that out instead of using the bone meal which Manns recommended. Perhaps you and Yolande can attend to this and see if the gardner can find a rotary spiker on loan. As you say, I think the gardner should be stopped with the first of November.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore, Maryland

18-50-64

18-50-65

26 October 1942

Dear Nina:

Enclosed is the check for $125. We will talk about Wanamaker later. I am paying him for my overcoat and underwear.

I am leaving tomorrow for Chicago to attend again the meeting of the Land Grant College Presidents. I shall be away nearly a week, returning next Sunday. I can be reached at the Hotel Grand, South Parkway.

I have had a rather trying case of indigestion which I think is going to be helpful in the long run. I had Dr. Slater out and rested very carefully for a couple of days and got myself thoroughly cleaned out, taking off seven pounds in the process. I am feeling in first rate shape now and am going definitely to stop over-eating, miscellaneous eating and late eating. Dr. Slater found me in good condition.

Did the man plant the hedge? Also you did not tell me whether the Washington flood attacked you.

I think I told you that I renewed your subscription for LIFE so you do not need to bother about their advertising.

Tell Yolande, as she probably know, her tax bill is going to be high and mine of course is going to be enormous. We must both plan for it by cutting down in expenditures in every reasonable way.

With best love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

20 November 1942

Dear Nina:

I thought I had written you since I came from Chicago but I wrote to Yolande and Du Bois. I haven't heard from Yolande yet. I wish you would ask her to write me.

It is too bad about the water but things like that are happening now and then. I think you ought to be careful and be sure that the fault is with our pipe and not with the city pipe. If it is the city pipe that is broken or out of order, they ought to repair it.

I wrote to Conaway and told him to see that you had a roast turkey for Thanksgiving and to send the bill to me. I hope he has communicated with you. If not, call him up. When the plumbers' bill comes let me know about it. I presume it will be heavy. I am glad the hedge is planted and hope you can do something about the yard before snow falls. Let me know about the cost of gardner's supplies.

We are having extraordinary weather here, quite like summer with the thermometer up to 80. I am quite well.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

23 November 1942

Dear Nina:

I am sending you a pound of especially nice coffee, Moca Java, for which I pay sixty cents here. I hope you will enjoy it. I don't know when I will get a chance to send you any more.

I am also enclosing a letter from a boy in Chicago who is a pupil of Mildred Bryant-Jones. I sent her my old grey overcoat and she gave it to him. Here is his answer.

Yours with love,

19-05-81

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

30 November 1942

18-50-68

My dear Nina:

Enclosed is a check for $140: $125 for your regular monthly expenses and $15 which you have spent on the yard. Let me know about the plumber and any other yard expenses.

I am glad you had a nice Thanksgiving. I had a pleasant time here but of course not quite as nice as yours. I was sorry not to come and do not think I shall come Christmas because travel conditions are so poor and crowded but I shall be up in February. I had a nice letter from Du Bois with well marked papers.

I am going to New Orleans this week to speak at Southern University.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

9 December 1942

19-50-69

Dear Nina:

I have just returned from a very pleasant and restful trip to Louisiana. I gave three speechs at Southern University and stopped over at Dillard meeting a good many friends including Gertrude Holland of Wilberforce who is now teaching at Southern.

On my return here I find Miss Diggs after severe effort has dug up the best thing in the line of rubbers now being manufactured. I am sending them to you herewith. If they do not fit and cannot be used return them immediately and we will send them back to the store. But remember you will hardly be able to get anything better than this. No rubbers of the common kind are in stock at all.

We have just learned here that the whole of the Atlanta University dormitory is going to be turned over to the military. I am in process of finding a new home. I may go over to Spelman or possibly to the new buildings at Clark opposite the Administration Building. I will let you know what I do.

You say in your letter that thirty dollars for the hedge came out of your allowance. You are mistaken. Don't you remember I left you a check of $30 to pay for that and that you used that check. There was $30 extra in the bank to cover it. But do not worry about the Wanamaker bill. We will let that stand until later. Be sure and get what you need.

My love to Yolande and Du Bois.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

10 December 1942

07-05-81

Dear Nina:

I am writing Mrs. Trotman to say that I will not be in New York Christmas but will be there in February. I am paying the plumbers' bill.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

16 December 1942

17-09-81

Dear Nina:

Enclosed is the monthly check of $125 and I have added ten dollars for Christmas expenses. I shall buy nothing here. The stores are like mad houses and the choice not very good. I shall have some books sent to Du Bois and I have already sent her some Christmas cards from here.

Please send me Mr. Conway's address. He has not sent me the bill for that turkey. I do not want you to pay for it. It was my present to the family. Also what did Wanamaker charge for the globe. You have not told me. Let me know. I am also going to order some candy for myself and would like a memo of that when it comes in on the bill.

The last week in December I am going to move to the Spelman campus. Miss Read has offered me a very pleasant suite with large living room, a bed room with a good size closet and a bath room. It has not fireplace but otherwise it is very nice. I especially told her that I should have to bring your refrigerator with me and she graciously consented.

Greetings to Yolande and Du Bois.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

29 December 1942

18-50-72

Dear Nina:

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and were not too cold. Here it was rainy but not cold. I am about to move to Spelman today or tomorrow. I have nice quarters there: a large living room, a bedroom with a big closet and a private bath on the ground floor. I shall miss my fireplace but otherwise it will be quite comfortable. Miss Diggs has moved to Clark College on the campus just opposite the Administration Building. Otherwise things are moving on although how many students we are going to have is still a problem.

My best love to you and Yolande and Du Bois. I am writing Du Bois.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
Baltimore

[1942?]

Dear Will:

The diplomas are here. The last time you were up with the car you did not want to bother with them. I fear they can not be shipped with out breaking some of them, you better wait until you come up in your car. The frame came apart they are out of it and wrapped in a paper. But you really should have them with your things

I have a lovely attack of the grippe got some medicine from Dr. Wright am a little better to day. Dr Bois is well.

Love.

Nina

Wednesday

30-10-6

RACHEL DU BOIS [1942]

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19-36-80

March 13 -

Dear M E B D! -

Thanks for your note of 18th Feb - sorry it be so long answering - I'm out & spend much of time - arranging 3 Institutes for Leaders - and Planning is having 2 Festivals a week - lots of work and a tiny bit of money - Have much to talk with you about but am in hard run it need an appointment - All is fast it say that I es just it be in town April 4 - will look forward to seeing you. I teach at U Univ that day 11 - 1 - Perhaps you'll call in place! - as am Parent

31 March 1942

My dear Rachel:

I had forgotten that April fifth was Easter and am, therefore, postponing my trip North until the latter part of the month. I am going to speak at Vassar the twenty-second and at Yale the twenty-third and twenty-fourth. I shall stop in New York either before the twenty-second or after the twenty-fourth. Let me know if you are going to be in residence. I hope all is going well.

Yours with love,

19-36-81

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April 6, 1942.

18-54-81

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear W.E.B.D.:

Your note of March 31 received. It would have been a terrifically busy week-end had you been in New York, because it was the New York Yearly Meeting of Friends and I have recently had my membership transferred here.

I am looking forward to your being in the city around the 22nd. Let me know just when.

Cordially,

RACHEL DAVIS-DUBOIS

RDD
MLM

P.S. Your office has now sent me a bill for a subscription to the Phylon. I am hoping very much that somehow you will find it possible to continue sending this to me free of charge since you know my present financial status. Perhaps you can run it in under "Exchange" as I enclose a copy of my magazine! Of course mine cannot be compared with yours - but, then -----!

9 April 1942

18-54-3

My dear Rachel:

I have at last fixed my Northern itinerary. I shall, from here to Vassar where I speak Wednesday afternoon, April twenty-second. I may call you up that morning if you are in town. Then I shall come in from Yale, Saturday, the twenty-fifth, and stay over Sunday. If the circus is still in town Saturday night, we must see it; otherwise the best show. Write and tell me if you are going to be in residence.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Rachel Davis-DuBois
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[APRIL 13, 1942]

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18-54-4

Dear W E B D;-

My schedule for next week takes me out of town Tues 21 + Thurs 23 - I may have to go to Phila Fri the 24th - but will save much of the week end for you - do you want me to get tickets for anything that night?

Heartily

Rachel

Mrs. Du Bois

Mon - (3"

15 April 1942

18-54-5

My dear Rachel:

I shall be in New York, Friday, April twenty-fourth; Saturday, April twenty-fifth and Sunday, April twenty-six. I should like to see Porgy and Bess, Friday night and the circus Saturday afternoon or night or vice versa. If you are not going to be in town Friday night, I would be glad if you would get me one ticket either for Porgy or the circus and then get two tickets for whatever we could attend Saturday afternoon or evening. I am enclosing a check.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Rachel Davis-DuBois
122 Waverly Place
New York City

Dear M & D; — Sun Eve [April 19, 1981]

All set for Nebels — Parry + Bess — Fri Eve and the Circus for Sat afternoon. Im not sure I will be able to make the latter but hope it works another appointment — will know by Wed — when you go there come. Will be happy to see you Likewise. As ever what you Wish + Indeed!

Jayne

4-19-81

[CA. April 22, 1942]

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Wed a. m.

Dear N-E B D:-

Sorry we cant lunch on Wed. Mr Lindeman wants very much to see you but is leaving town Fri noon so asks if you will be so good as to come to his office 10.30 Fri. a. m. It is on the 5th floor of the Russell Sage Bldg (N.Y. School for Social Work) between 4th ave & Lex. - on 22nd st. I must go to Phila that a. m. for a meeting of the A.F.S.C. - I am not sure that I can be back by 10.30 Fri. - because I have to make plans for the Cape May Conference with people who said we would do it Fri. a. m. if I can get it done I can. Sil be back late that night. Hammer

18-64-9

Mrs Jochum is 2nd=44020

[2] I do hope you will meet with Mr Lindeman. Perhaps it will be better if I'm not there for I'd like someone to make him see that he should take all time to get under the burden & reorganizing this. Our point of view is the same & he really is concerned, but he is: and he has the prestige which would pull in funds etc but he wants to spend his extra time writing.

Of course, I must face the possibility that the war situation is such that ~~we~~ ~~can~~ we will have to close the works all together. I was told yesterday that all part time Projects are to be dropped — Mr Yarbrough, at N.Y. by direct, has just returned from 3 wks. in army circles & he says that by Fall everyone will be drafted — women also. If this works closes then I think I will go into the group living project in Rockbound county patterned after the Gerald Heard philosophy ~~for~~ which I became interested last summer. Lindeman thinks that is running away and his

sure you do also, but I'd rather do
that pioneer work than to buy it get
a highschool teaching job where I would
be forced into a war situation over
there. However ~~if~~ in case I don't get back
for Fri. a.m. - I'm enclosing some
ideas hastily put together. As I hear
people begin now to see the relationship
between race attitudes & war I keep
remembering how long ago you
said that - how it was that part
of your thinking which angered me
"But the dam fanatics don't know it"!

Well you and Leidelmeyer would
make a grand team to work out
a real functioning group & I'd like
to mean to be a part of it but I'm
quite prepared to retire and raise
chickens for the duration for I can go
on alone no longer I am sure.

Paul.

If I don't get to Phila Fri a.m. - I have tickets for Parry & Bess & will see you at theatre - but will phone Hotel Y.- when I arrive Phila 10-24-10

Rachel Davis DuBois

[Enc. 7]

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR REORGANIZATION OF OUR INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP

- - -

To experiment with methods of intercultural integration within this country now and between this country and other countries after the war.

The various functioning intercultural groups, such as the East & West Association, the Institute of Swedish Culture, and the Carl Shurz Foundation, might be interested in having such an organization help to integrate their intercultural values into American life.

With our program contacts in homes, schools, churches, clubs, and adult groups, we should be very helpful.

I can see our second function that of working on intercultural post-war plans now. This would take us into the international field after the war.

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This afternoon I am attending a meeting of the American Friends Service Committee which is spending its full time now on post-war reconstruction plans, but little attention is being paid to intercultural planning on an international scale.

April 22,1942. RACHEL DAVIS-DUBOIS

4 May 1942

18-54-11

My dear Rachel:

Thank you so much for your hospitality and trouble in getting the tickets. I forgot to ask if I sent you enough. As I think it over, I think I owe you a balance. If so, will you let me know?

I am more and more convinced of one thing: you have got first of all to insist on a living. You have been on the whole fortunate in being able to ignore the necessity of income in order to do the work so near and dear to your heart but in the present upheaval and dislocation you cannot go on without first being sure of enough to live on. Then you will find time and perhaps opportunity to do your main work.

you

It was so nice to see and to enjoy the circus and Porgy.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Rachel Davis-DuBois
122 Waverly Place
New York City

[ENCLOSURE FROM RACHEL DUBOIS]
I sure like this interesting

SERVICE CLUB NO. I
Camp Croft, S.C

Sept. 14, 1942

Dear Rachel DuBois--

I'm sorry I haven't written to you more fully sooner, especially since your letter was such a life-saver to me. I had unconsciously pushed the world that 122 Waverly Place represents into the back of my mind, and it sure left life looking pretty bare. Then came your letter and the report of the July 4th Home Festival--and in a moment it helped bring back some of the richness of life that I had lost.

I showed the report to a few of the fellows who ~~shared~~ showed interest in it. Then I asked around among the boys in my platoon and I learned interesting things about their backgrounds. My special buddy was of Welsh background, had a very nice singing voice, and could sing Welsh songs. A young Italian boy played violin and had played with a symphony orchestra in New York. We had a boy of German background who did juggling and tumbling, and so it went-- you could just see what a swell festival we could have had. I contacted the USO and I was all enthused about what could be done. However, "the best laid plans of men and mice, etc"--I found it impossible to plan my time to work on this and army duties also, the violinist went for a trip abroad (!), the Welsh boy broke his arm. Anyway, I still think it would have worked out swell and if I ever can I'll try again.

We certainly need something to bring the North and South together. You know that I'm pretty rational about such things but I've developed a terrific anti-Southerner prejudice. Our non-commissioned officers (sergeants and corporals) were mainly Southern boys, and only army slang which I forbear to use can describe almost all of them. We could just feel their hatred for us, and we would reply in kind. Most of them were good soldiers, but ignorant, bigoted, and untouched by any of the refinements of life. The northern officers, on the other hand, are usually fairly nice chaps and can easily be distinguished from the Southern fellows by the difference in their behavior alone. All this is strikingly apparent and represents cool judgment, with just a wee bit of prejudice.

Of course the negroes get the raw end of it, but aside from segregation into a jim-crow section of the camp and restriction in their types of training (mostly the only specialized work they can train for is truck driving), they are not treated badly. Altho the fellows on the whole are prejudiced against the negroes, they usually take their side as against the Southerners.

A few words about myself. I am awaiting transfer just now to officer training School, and this should come very soon. During my first 7 weeks here I was trained in all the arts of killing. During my second 7 weeks I was trained as a radio operator, and I was glad of this as that type of job would relieve me of the necessity of trying to kill others. Now it looks as if I'll be back where I started, only this time leading others into the kill. I try to make myself hard, but I'm not just the type. I don't think much about the war and why I'm here. I just know we have to win and we'll worry about it later.

Anyway I was glad to hear from you, and from many AAs whom I will answer soon. Please do keep me in touch with the intercultural world, and don't neglect my spiritual life because I may need help there too.

So long and good luck in your own fight. Happy struggling, Rachel

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September 28, 1942

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear W.E.B.D:

In a visit to our Friends' headquarters at Philadelphia this week, I went over carefully the matter of the Newsletter. Instead of the foremat which we had last year ~~listed~~, entitled Just Among Friends it was decided that it would save money to have it like the enclosed only it would have elite type and 2 pages on both sides with 2 columns running all the way through. I think it would make about 2015 words.

We will still have 2 main objectives. One, to give Friends and other readers, mainly white, a world over-view of intercultural relations with perhaps more emphasis on whats going on in our country, and secondly, to report constructive things which are being done, choosing things which Friends themselves can do in their own communities, remembering Friends are mainly either rural people or professional city people.

I am so happy and thankful that you have volunteered to be responsible for the first objective. If there is anything you want to suggest for the second objective, which will be my responsibility, of course, I will be happy to have you do so. Could you do all kind of a thing you want will only 1200 words.

The Committee felt that we should pay some special attention ~~with~~ to developing relationships with South America, in so far as these relationships are determined by racial attitudes. Have you read the current issue of Common Sense? Francis Gunther's article on India I think is superb, also Devere Allen's article on Latin America.

The Committee decided to bring the Newsletter out about the middle of the month--6 copies during the year--October, November, January, February, April and May. They need about 10 days or 2 weeks to have it photostated. If possible, would you send me your over-view in about a week.

Very best wishes,

Rachel

Rachel Davis-DuBois

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WAR AND POST-WAR HOUSING

Millions of American families live in homes that fall far below any acceptable American standard of decency. This is wasteful of money. Vast sums are spent to patch up the ill health or broken morale of people only to have them return to the houses and neighborhoods which first caused the trouble. Whole sections of cities are decaying and property values are being eaten away. It is wasteful also of human resources. Attitudes of citizenship, initiative and loyalty daily are being formed by millions of children growing up in surroundings that are degrading. The caliber of future American democracy is at stake. These families simply do not have sufficient income to enable them to obtain the good houses that private enterprise is able and anxious to supply. It is costly to correct these conditions, yet it is far more costly to allow them to continue. This is the dilemma of housing which must be resolved.

This country has been slow in awakening to the situation. Housing as a problem was scarcely recognized in the boom twenties. It took a depression and an unemployment problem even to reveal the facts. Work relief surveys made throughout the country from 1934 to 1936 showed that about 10,000,000 families, or about 31% of the American people, live in houses which are substandard. This condition had existed for decades. At first, under the PWA, the government approached housing simply as a "pump-priming" measure to stimulate economic recovery. It was not until 1937 with the passage of the United States Housing Act that housing finally was recognized as a direct public concern. Under this Act about $670,000,000 was lent to local housing authorities throughout the country to build 160,000 decent low-rent homes for ill-housed families. Public funds were provided to meet the difference between the costs of new housing and the amount which the families could afford to pay. Approximately seven and one-half million low-rent homes were built in an impoverished Europe from 1919 to 1939 with some form of government aid. During this period the United States enjoyed the greatest prosperity of any part of the world, yet its need for 10,000,000 houses was largely neglected. Up to the start of the war housing made little additional progress. In 1939 Congress refused to make any additional appropriations. The following year, Philadelphia turned down a $19,000,000 extension of the low-rent housing program.

With the outbreak of hostilities, housing suddenly assumed a new importance. The migration of workers to war production areas created acute housing problems. Increasingly, adequate housing was recognized as necessary for industrial efficiency. Since 1939 Congress has appropriated over one billion dollars for publicly

constructed war housing. A bill for an additional $600,000,000 is now being considered in Committee. If passed this will make the total war housing appropriation more than double that of the entire peace time low-rent housing program.

Vitally important policy decisions are currently being made which will affect the course of war housing and its peace time significance. These relate to such questions as the following: Where shall the houses be located? Those communities which had already developed plans for city expansion may fit war housing into permanently desirable patterns. Communities such as Philadelphia which have no plan must take their chances. Shall the houses be of permanent construction or shall they be temporary or "demountable," to be destroyed or shipped away when the emergency is over? There is a strong movement to make all war housing of the latter type. Many, however, feel that it is wrong to destroy any housing resources in areas where there is a permanent need for decent houses to replace slum dwellings.

The problem of housing is now entering a new phase. The growing scarcity of materials may prevent the building of all the new housing that is needed. Billeting and commandeering of housing may be introduced. Friends should be among the first to open their homes to war workers to set a standard of neighborliness in what may become a very acute problem of social adjustment. Some day the war will be over. Twenty-five or thirty million persons, either in the armed forces or engaged in war production, will be seeking new employment. There must be a constructive job ready for them to do. Increasingly, it is recognized that the rebuilding of our cities, the provision of a decent home for every American family, should take up a large part of the energy released. Before that can be started many basic decisions must be made. What standards of space, sunlight, landscaping and construction shall be accepted? How far must traditional property rights and financial concepts be adjusted to social need? How shall the problem of inadequate income be met? How shall the housing dilemma be resolved? The answers to these questions will have the greatest bearing on the future course of the country for many years to come. The decisions will soon be upon us.

The war has shown one great thing: This country is perfectly capable of executing an adequate housing program if there is sufficient drive behind it. The problem is to supplant the war drive with an equally powerful drive in the post-war era.

Friends have a vital responsibility to assist in supplying the motive power necessary to overcome post-war confusion and to channel the energy released to constructive ends. The time to start active participation is now.

EDMUND N. BACON

Managing Director, Philadelphia
Housing Association

1 October 1942

My dear Rachel:

I hope you are settled in your new home at least and fairly comfortable. I did not call again before leaving because I knew how upset anybody is after moving and especially with your accumulation of material it must be a heart-breaking burden. I ran up to Boston for a weekend and went to the Brattle Street Theatre and the museum of art beside seeing a few friends and then I went home and the next day began my four day drive South which was very pleasant and uneventful.

The year has opened here auspiciously with some of the usual problems but none of them any worse than usual. I think everything will probably go fairly well.

Let me hear from you and especially assure me that you are getting enough to eat.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Rachel Davis DUBois
New York City

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Dear W E B D;

Thanks so much - I finally got my part done - all enclosed - so it will be two weeks Oct 1st - but it was all but me second do. I'm all busy & a bit tried preparing for a Festival tonight - we have built a (Jewish) booth & boughs on the roof tonight, and expect 400 or so people & all sorts. I hope it will come off all right. I have a class at

Patterson Hall Teachers College – I've recently returned from a 10 day speaking trip up Hall-Syracuse, Rochester, Sharon Springs Still living mostly on faith – but somehow it's wonderful.

I look forward to seeing you at Xmas?

Neil need to get another News letter out by Dec 1 – can you hear your part here about a week before – I'm wondering if next time it would be well to just have it an overview of news – as you do in Ceylon – after this introductory overview – we could just be specific – I'm weary but quite happy – so don't worry & rally Love

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November 1942

An Overview of Current Readings in the Field of Intercultural Relations

The subject of race and culture group attitudes in relation to the War is fast becoming U.S. problem No. 1.

Some writers state that unless the white people quickly over come their attitudes of superiority toward colored races that we may lose the war and even if we win and still do not change we may have to fight it all over again. For, say these writers, from a world viewpoint the whites are in the minority. See Malcom Macleans article in American Unity, Vol. 1-No.1 (free-from Council Against Intolerance in America, 17 East 42nd St., N.Y.C.-very good for teachers).

Friends, of course, will want to base their concern on a more positive basis. This is well put in the latest pamphlet of the A.F.S.C. and the Friends World Committee. It is entitled "Looking Toward the Post-War World." (6 cents a copy in lots of 15 or more, 20 S. 12th St., Phila. Pa.) To quote a bit from the pamphlet--"We find the task of post-war relief and reconstruction is in 2 parts. The first is the task of re-educating the mind and heart, for out of the heart are the issues of life...Those forces making for mutual trust must be set in motion now during the War."

The short pamphlet on what should be done represent the combined thinking of the group of "weighty" Friends at the recent Wilmington, Ohio, conference on Peace and Reconstruction. It does not, of course, suggest how we are to go about "re-educating the mind and heart."

It is the task of this newsletter to be a clearing house for both Friendly and friendly groups, which are finding some measure of success at that task. Please send in your reports for the December Newsletter.

The Pacific Coast Evacuation Problem

Current magazines carry many articles on this problem, too many to even list. Probably the best and clearest statement is in the October Harpers by an Intelligence Officer. The last sentence is: "The entire 'Jap-Problem' has been magnified out of its true proportion, largely because of the physical characteristics of the people. It should be handled on the basis of the individual, regardless of citizenship, and not on a racial basis."

The best obtainable pamphlet on the subject has been written by Norman Thomas for the Post-War World Council, 112 E. 19th St., N.Y.C., 10 cents each or 15 for $1.00.

Some excerpts from letters from Americans of Japanese descent who are evacuees (supplied by John W. Thomas, of the American Baptist Home Mission Society) are: "So many personal tragedies ..families disrupted, scattered through the various camps, applications for reunion being pigeonholed in a maze of red tape, untimely deaths, melancholia..above all, the terrible feeling of frustration, of wondering if it weren't better to adopt a 'dont give a damm' attitude rather than to cling to self respect and dignity.".what is to become of us after we are released from Manzanar?" John Thomas answers that last cry in the dark in this way: "It would not have happened if the entire nation had been awake while it

was being advocated; it will not be a sore point in our national body politic if we act quickly now to alter the conditions of those affected. 1) Assist the National Student Relocation Council in placing well-qualified students. Offer to become a sponsor to a student coming to your community. This involves no financial responsibility. It means that the student, on his arrival, is met and made to feel at home. For further information write to: 20 South 12th St., Phila. Pa. 2) Make a real effort to find business and employment opportunities for people desiring relocation. These will be certified as to their loyalty by interested federal agencies before they are released. Report such opportunities to the Religious Council on War Relocation, 212 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. 3) Write to President Roosevelt, Secretary Stimson, and your congressman urging that no further restrictions be placed on persons of Japanese descent and that efforts to deprive such persons of citizenship be stopped."

Discrimination Against Negroes

"The foot we've got stuck in tomorrow's doorway." That is a line of real poetry says William Rose Benét in "The Saturday Review" for October 24, 1942. It is a Negro writing in The California Eagle and the title is "A Powm for Folks who Wonder What the Hell." Here it is: (It was written in free verse style but space prevents us)

"And we are lonely. For something. To hold on to. BE NOBLE ABOUT. AND COURAGEOUS AND BIG AND STRONG ABOUT. But we can't Be these If this is the same As last time..But this time out, it is we who Have the biggest stake Because Hitler Is against us As no man Has ever been Against the human race. And if we Let him win Every revolution From Massachusetts to Moscow Will be lost And the people's Inch by inch Fight for freedom Will be lost And the right To fight for freedom Will be lost And that right Is the foot we've got Stuck In tomorrow's doorway. And this is something To hold on to That's true AND BIG AND COURAGEOUS AND STRONG, AND TO LIVE, AND DIE FOR.

The Undemocratic Poll Tax

The Workers Defense League (112 E. 19th St., N.Y.C.) keeps us well informed on the progress of the Pepper-Geyer Anti-Poll Tax Bill saying: "The House has passed the Geyer poll tax bill by a 3 to 1 vote, but there are rumors that a filibuster may develop in the Senate.

"This warning should be taken seriously by all who believe that this blot on our democracy must be removed Now and not when it will no longer mean anything. Citizens must make it clear to their Senators that the use of the filibuster to throttle this bill is as undemocratic as the evils which it seeks to eradicate."

Ask your Senators these questions: "1. Will you vote for cloture to prevent a filibuster on the Pepper-Geyer Bill?

"2. Will you vote and speak for the Pepper-Geyer Bill (S.1280) to abolish the poll tax?"

Necessary Readings

Books - If "out of the heart are the issues of life" then Louis Adamic's last book, "What's Your Name," Harpers, $2.50, touches life at the quick for all Americans and all of us should read it.

John Collier, the U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in his introduction to "The Changing Indian," edited by Oliver LaFarge, (Univ. of Oklahoma Press, $2.00) says: "Four hundred years of crushing proscription has failed to kill the local democracy of the Indian tribes: Seventeen of the foremost authorities on American Indian Life tell us about that democracy". This book too is a reading must if we are really interested in intercultural education.

Magazines - The Survey Graphic for November is devoted to "Color, Unfinished Business of Democracy." Special group rates available.

Write Survey Graphic, 112 East 19th St.,N.Y.C.

Common Sense for November carries a fine article by E. Franklin Frazier, "Brazil Has No Race Problem." The author recently returned from a year's study in that country. He also has an article on "The Negro Family in Brazil" in the American Sociological Review for August.

Pamphlets - "Understanding the other American Republics," ($.15) from the U.S. Office of Education, Wash. D.C.) is full of excellent suggestions for teachers of elementary schools.

"The Negro and the War," by Earl Brown and George Leighton ($.10, Public Affairs Pamphlets, 30 Rockefeller Pl., N.Y.C.)is just what every study group on the subject needs.

Organizations - The Council of African Affairs, 1123 Broadway, N.Y.C. is issuing a monthly sheet "News of Africa." $1.00 for 12 issues. It suggests things to be done on the international color front.

The Catholic Interracial Council, 20 Vesey St., N.Y.C., publishes a very interesting monthly Interracial Review. Friends groups would do well to keep in touch by subscribing. $1.00 a year.

6 November 1942

61-49-81

My dear Rachel:

I was glad to hear from you and to get the outline of your copy. You neglected to say however whether or not the copy I sent was satisfactory in length and subject. Let me know about and if possible send me the published copy. I will try to be more on time for the next issue but give me ample notice. I have several irons in the fire here and am unreasonably busy.

I am glad to know that you are eating regularly and I hope your meals include a porterhouse steak now and then.

Yours with love,

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13-54-13

Nov 18 -

Dear W E B D! -

I'm glad to wait at the Cola. It's sent me a package of newsletters - after they sent them out. In the bit I'd loved your circle letter - have never seen one enclosed? - I'm actively preparing a tour for a 2 weeks trip to Syracuse, Rochester + Buffalo - & Akron & Springs (I enclose a short report I really should call it a survey) - I'm giving short leadership courses in those places - I expect about 150 + persons.

I haven't time to write much except to say the National Church groups are eager to spread color & our Festival. I'm just finished a 12 p. (mimeographed) brochure - for leaders. The Congregational Churches are sending 1700 copies out. I'll soon need a business manager. For

All Churches expect this done for nothing or there abouts - Lummm I manage to eat - say beans + apples - not forth Lunne - not til you come to town.

As for our xmas Musicales it's due the first week in Dec. Can you have your material by the 6th I'll work on it the 7th + send it in - I dont get back til the 4th -

Congratulations on your last Ceylon - I especially enjoyed the number because of the folk material. - Well I'll be seeing you at Christmas - so much to talk about - Excuse scribble

Best Wishes as always

Rachel

9 December 1942

Dear Rachel:

Enclosed is my column. I am sorry to be perpetually late but I have been away lecturing in Louisiana and am rushing it to you at the first moment.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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18-54-15

Dear W E B D:

I'm so sorry to seem to be pushing you about the Newsletter - in fact it's an awful nerve to expect you to do it at all - with so much you have on your mind & heart. - Ha! Ha! - It just came! - And what a condemnation of our white-English ——— ——— ———

need to go home to be with Mother around Xmas & I'd like to bring Howard back with me for a few days - so that it would fit best if you'd be in Utica around the 30th or Nov 1st.

I've just returned from a very exciting trip up state - Syracuse & Rochester - holding Festivals & training leaders - cup is one month read to 700 - from God knows where - I don't - of course I know who required the checks - of course to call expenses - I salary for my work + my sanity which is due soon must come - but I'm a very thankful person -

Best thanks to Utica

Rachel

I'd like, if I have it, to have a copy of Eric Erickson's address & a few others about retreats.

29 December 1942

18-54-17

Dear Rachel:

I shall not be in New York this Christmas but as you know I shall be there the fifth of February. Let me know as soon as possible when you want my next article. I am so sorry to be regularly late. Just now I am all upset. Our dormitory has been turned over to the army and I have got to move bag and baggage to Spelman. I am looking forward to seeing you in February. Happy New Year.

Yours with love,

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Dec 30-42

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Dear N E B'd! -

I enclose the newsletter which went out last week - Thanks so much!! Aren't we going to see you in N Y c this vacation? Carl Voss stopped in today all eager about your being here in Feb - I am to introduce you - it is a real honor - He wishes me to invite you to dinner at the committee's expense - the 3 of us.

I have been so busy doing Festivals & Xmas for the week

or Christmas season - churches & community organizations are urging (Paterson, Newfoundland, Philadelphia etc) to ask us - so that with a few hundred dollars from the Myer family I again have a small bank account - it was down to zero the first of Nov - but such is the life & faith. I'm quite happy & relaxed about it all - having the time & my life.

Next I read the ability to write the story & the power of what is now being called, Intercultural Education - have you read "I come out of the 18 Century" by John Rice - he tells the story of Rollins College in Florida - (how he was thrown out) also Black Mountain. But the results I observed copy his style & carried in them. I'll drop a line soon about the date for our next newsletter. As ever Rachel.

Happy New Year!

All my love

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New York City.
Rachel Davis-DuBois, Director.

[Enc.?]

A Report of Three Festivals in Rochester, N.Y. November 29-30 & December 1, 1942

Winter had come in Rochester pushing with wind and rain and finally ice and snow Thanksgiving out of our memories almost before the turkey and cranberries were gone. The Brick Presbyterian Church young peoples' Sunday Evening Group wanted to welcome winter as all new seasons should be welcomed--with a Festival. Not the kind which takes weeks of preparation but the old fashioned kind which is simply a group of people expressing in as beautiful a way as possible how it feelsx as a group about that season. Since they wanted various seasonal memories shared they invited as guests people of various cultural and religious backgrounds as well as of different age levels. So they met, about 30, in the gracious parlor of the church, around a coal fire in the grate. The leader suggested that each one introduce himself as of 8 years old, and as of the place where he actually was a t the age. How did he then feel about winter and its festivities?

The memories came fast: "I'm carrying in the wood and coal on a South Jersey farm before we had electric lights and steam heat and sometimes I'm feeling a bit sorry for myself but then I remember looking up and being thrilled at seeing Orien stalking across the sky." A second-generation Japanese background girl shared memories of growing up on her father's sugarbeet farm in California and later she sang for the group in Japanese, a song about sinter. An older person remembered the fun of sliding down banisters and going skating in Chicago (we learned afterwards that it was the pastor). His memories matched many other similar memories of skating and coasting on the part of those younger than he, most of them born in Rochester. Then an older woman told of sleigh rides, sliding over the snow, wrapped in blankets and pulled by horses jingling with bells. It was easy for the listening group to join in singing "Jingle Bells."

A Negro woman made a poem as she described how the mountains of her Pennsylvania town seemed, at the imaginative age of 8--"to reach right up to heaven." She was sure that such beautiful snow must also be a part of heaven but somehow it must be warm.

We skipped then to what our North European ancestors, ages ago might have felt about this season as they saw the days grow shorter and shorter. We pieced together our memories of the myth about the slaying of Baldur and compared it with the Greek myth of Persephone and then of the Egyptian Isis and Osiris. Similarities were soon apparent. As long as all was harmonious there was summer and gladness but when the element of hate came in, there was death and sadness and therefore winter. The element of Love and the good finally brought back productivity and summer to the earth.

Then we asked about our Palestinian ancestors. From the Jewish members of our group came the story of the struggle of when the Syrians tried to force the ancient Hebrews to give up their religion, and their culture. The exxtreme courage and sacrifice of the small group of Maccabees was able to finally win over the larger Syrian force because justice was on their side and they had faith. It was then that the miracle of oil occurred which is symbolized today in the Chanukah celebration or Feast of Lights. "We too have gifts and games and lights and songs and all sorts of exciting foods--and our holiday also comes in December, and

being an American as well as a Jew, I enjoy also the Christmas festivities and song." One of the Hebrew songs was sung for our group and then we all joined in several Chrstimas carols. It was easy then to see similarities which bind us all together. We asked ourselves, does not k the birth of Jesus dramatize that the power of love will win over the power of hate and is that not similar to the forces of light over the forces of darkness and of right over might?

Are we not ready now to pull our impressions and our similarities together in a way which will express how we feel tonight about all this? "We can join in the "Quaker silence." There are four present. One of them says that in the silence it seems easier to <u>feel</u> that sense of unity which cannot be talked about. There were expressions in the silence, expressions which showed that a feeling of unity was present--unity with the trees whose leaves have fallen and yet which even now have perfect buds prepared for spring when it does come; unity with those in this small group because "we'll never forget this circle; unity with the boys who are in the army because oneix of our members will soon be going; and unity even with the enslaved people in Japan, Italy, and Germany, with the hope that somehow the element of love will someday bring them and us into harmony. --More silence, and then, our 15 year old Jewish boy lit the Shamas candle and sang the Chanuka Chant while the group formed a cirdle singing "We Three Kings of Orient Are," and 8 of its members lit the remaining candles. A Negro member of the group led us then in singing "My Lord What A Morning," and "I'm Going To Walk All Over God's Heaven."

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The second American Unity Home Festival in Rochester the following evening was similar and yet quite different. No two Festivals are ever alike because they are all unprogramed and therefore spontaneous and besides the people were different. This time most of them were middle-aged and they had come from a greater variety of cultural backgrounds and besides it was held not in a church but in a university parlor. But the same theme for conversation brought out similar conclusions. We only have space for reporting the contributions of a few of the 45 adults who although all are citizens of Rochester yet rarely have an opportunity to share memories of experiences so meaningful to them. From the North European countries came the first memories. A Christmas song in Welch from a brother and sister long ago from Wales--the Hollander gave the Lord's Prayer in his mother tongue, wondering all the while if the words would come back to him but there was not a pause to be noticed by his reverent listeners. The whole group united ins the German "Heilege Nacht," while memories of Christmas trees and cookies came from several people. The eagerness of the woman from Russia seemed almost as if she felt this was the first and last chance she would have to tell her memories of the holy Christmas Eve and of how solemnly her xxxxxixxxxfxxixxxxx people celebrated it. She ended by also speaking the Lord's Prayer in Russian. The same eagerness came from the Italian background man who told of the elaborate praecipio and that it was the Befano and not Santa Claus who filled the children's shoes. Somehow the same compulsion seemed to be back of the Jewish man who in telling of Chanukah felt he had to give most of the history of the Jews in a few minutes. Another Jewish friend however, was able to tell the story of their celebration in a lighter vein, of their game played with a Dreydal and of their songs and gifts and speical foods. He even sang a song for us, though singing was not his forte.

The young girl of Lithuanian parentage came dressed in the national costume and made us realize that although in her home in Rochester Christmas is very much as it is in other American homes, yet there is a difference which makes it all the more interesting. Asked if she could show us the national dance, she was soon on her feet and with her, two young men and another girl. Then Christmas in India and Arabia came on our mental screens and then the summing up and after that the silence--an impressive silence--broken finally by the young Catholic priest, an authority on the Gregorian Chants, as he lit the 2 candles and sang the Catholic Christmas Chant. The Negro spirituals, "O Lord What A Morning," and "I'm Going to Walk All Over God's Heaven," lifted our spirits toxa joyous close as our circle swayed to the rhythm.

The third evening of Festival in Rochester was still another group, made up of college girsl and a variety of older people from different backgrounds. Again the old American winter with its sleigh bells and the jolly family gatherings of aunts and uncles and cousins. This time the coldness of Esthonia came through with the church playing so important a part in the celebration. "Not so much time on gifts. Just for the children." From several countries was this true--from Ireland, and from Spain. . We wondered if in contrast our Christmas has lost some of its spiritual significance. The Chinese girl, brought up a Christian had memories of experiences similar to ours but she told of the traditional Chinese winter festivals and of how they centered around their regard for their ancestors.

The story back of the Chanukah celebration was told by a Jewish woman who is one of Rochester's best English teachers, and a high school boy told of their games and home festivities. Only the American Indian was so cut off from her cultural background that she could tell us nothing of how our first Americans celebrated this seasnn. "I was an experiment, takne from the reservation as an orpahn baby and adopted by a university professor and his wife." We could only wonder what we all had lost because the cultural thread of that one person in our midst had been completely broken.

Interesting regional differences came from our own country--memories of blackeyed peas in Georgia, of a Swedish Christmas in Pennsylvania, and of family ghatherings in Alabama, as well as far off California.

Canada too was represented when the now famous authority on Negro spirituals, Dr. Nathaniel Dett, told of a gift he gave his mother when he was a tiny boy. Asked waht he considered the most joyous spiritual he mentioned several and finally said "Walk Together Children Don't Grow Weary." The group followed the words with action. The walked together--head on one anothers' shoulders, singing. Coffee was being served so it seemed the right note on which to end the evening's group conversation. The individual conversations however lasted until the janitor said, "Lights out."

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Dr. Rachel Davis-DuBois, Director

Report of Thanksgiving Festival
Syracuse, New York
November 25, 1942

The night before Thanksgiving, 1942, from various homes in Syracuse, we started toward the Bishop's home--some forty-five of us. Really, though, we started generations ago, for we brought with us memories of what our ancestors had done at this season of the year. We had with us in memory not only our Pilgrim ancestors but ancestors from the Orient, from South America, from warm southern European countries, and from the cold Teutonic Northland. Also present were those far-away but somehow very near ancestors who wandered in the wilderness for forty years and had to build themselves a new shelter every night. However, before we arrived at the Bishop's home the siren blew a blackout signal and we were stopped in our tracks--ancestors and all--to be reminded that we were in the midst of a global war. But somehow because of the reason of our pilgrimage the war with all its horror seemed a bit less crushing--as if we could go in spite of it. For did we not carry in our hearts the light of hope? Anyhow, once our muscles were released by the all-clear signal, we proceeded to the Bishop's home--for we had a rendezvous with life and fun and joyousness. Greeted with friendly smiles by the Bishop and his wife, we gathered around the crackling wood fire. About us, in a very real but unexpressed way, were the precious heirlooms of that old New England family--the Peabody's. In our circle were Jew and gentile, Negro and white, recent refugee and old-stock American-- Americans all--whose personal or ancestral memories reached into Russia, Poland, Italy, Germany, Palestine, England, Japan, and different parts of this country. One was from New Orleans, that carnival town we long to visit in the spring. Some were city bred; others came from farms; and all recalled what autumn meant to us--Indian summer and "a haze on the far horizon." Some remembered golden rod and New England astors, but memories of chrysanthenums, when the four or five university students led us in a football song, united us all. The Japanese girl student who said, "I'm an alien enemy but they all call me Chio on the campus," gave a vivid description of the popularity of that flower in her country.

Fall apples brought to mind the drinking of cider, and then came the old humorous ballad: "Sucking Cider Through a Straw." That cider song reminded the Bishop of a joke, "Do you know what Queen Victoria took her pills in?" "No, what?" "Inside her."

We reminded ourselves of how nature has prepared for the

coming winter by gathering into the heart of the trees the precious ~~sap and yet~~ how all the buds and seeds are even now perfectly formed ready to burst forth as soon as spring shall come again. How did our agricultural ancestors, closer to such forces than we, symbolize their feelings at this season? The Rabbi's wife had brought with her two ancient symbols--the long straight palm leaf called the lulov and the tiny citrus fruit, the esrog. Beautifully and simply, then, she told how, during the Feast of Ingathering or Succoth, the men in the synagogue by pointing the lulov to the four corners of the earth are reminded of the brotherhood of all men. "Besides the symbolism of the lulov is our building of the booth of boughs," the rabbi's wife went on to say, "which we call the succah. Since it commemorates the time our ancestors had to build a new shelter every night we have only a frail booth, through which we can look up and see the stars and be reminded of our dependence on God, the eternal."

Then joyousness broke through the serious note of symbolism when a young girl related how much fun it was to help build the succah--to actually tie on the boughs the grapes and apples and the squash and other vegetables. Since the Hebrews went in caravans to Jerusalem for that festival, our Jewish friends led us in singing a caravan song. Each of us became a drum as we sang over and over "Tumba, tumba," while the girls sang the melody. The leader of our group conversation was now asking: "For those of us who come from other cultures, from Poland, Russia, Czechoslovakia, or Germany, are there memories of similar harvest festivals?" It took a few minutes for the mind of the man from Russia to jump back twenty-seven years, but soon he said, "Yes, I remember now. It was very much like this. When we gathered our harvest, the wheat and the fruit, we put the best samples in a circle; the last sheaf was kept in the house until spring, and we all went from house to house in our village. There was much rejoicing." Something similar came from the man from Poland, but the memory of the recent refugee from Germany was more vivid. "In the country, the peasants made huge wreaths, with colorful ribbon streamers. There was a procession, too, and much laughter." "Yes," came the memory of the man from Italy, "and much drinking of the new wine--and dancing." Then he danced with his girl friend, in the center of our circle, the graceful steps of the Tarentella to the fast rhythmn of clapping hands.

"Circles and processions are common to all of us," the leader was saying," and joyousness too expressed in this country by family gatherings and turkey dinners and pumpkin pies." "Over the hills to Grandmother's house" we then sang with gusto. The white haired high-church lady told how the Episcopalians put the fruit on the alter and, singing the old songs, march in procession

just as their ancestors still do in England. And what is the song? For the answer we find ourselves singing "Come Ye Thankful People Come."

The woman from Czechoslovakia remembered the miraculous feeding of her ancestors seven hundred years ago during a war when there was starvation and hope was low. One morning they found the fields white with mushrooms and their lives were saved. Since then they have a ceremony of drying the mushrooms, which they call, "Jesus' bread."

This story reminds us of our Pilgrim Fathers who starved during the winter of 1620-1621. "What about that winter and how did they happen to start our American Thanksgiving?" Then the story came from the white-haired university professor whose New England ancestry goes almost but not quite back to the Bradfords and Winslows. "It was a terrible winter, half of them died, only 49 were left. Even part of their crops failed, but aided by the Indians they had raised some corn. However, in the midst of want they had a joyous harvest festival--wild turkey and grapes, gathered by the Pilgrims, and venison brought by the Indians--90 of them with their chief, Massasoit. For three days the celebration was held. But Thanksgiving was not an official national holiday until much later," our university professor continued. "President Washington issued two proclamations--to give thanks after the frightful winter of Valley Forge, and again after the winning of the War for Independence. It was the untiring efforts of a woman, Mrs. Hale, editor of Godey's Lady Book, that finally induced President Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a permanent legal holiday."

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After that we were ready to sum up our conversations. What was common in all our memories of autumn celebrations? The feeling of hope and thankfulness sometimes in the midst of plenty but often in the midst of want. Sharing with others and reminding ourselves of our dependence on God; and the feeling of security that comes when we do all this as a group in a circle. So with lights low we became quiet until the Negro soldier led us in singing, "I'm so glad trouble don't last always." Then, singing "Come ye thankful people come," we each took the fruits we had brought with us from our homes to the dining-room table. (Our hostess had promised to send it the next day to a nearby hospital.) Around the dining-room table we stood hand in hand in a compact circle while the young Jewish mother, a scarf over her head and hands held high in blessing, lit and blessed the candles as it has been done by Jewish mothers in Jewish homes for five thousand years. Three girls sang the chant. The tiny flames, long in catching, finally flickered upward. Then silence. In the silence it seems easy to feel our oneness enfold us. Quite naturally and spontaneously out of that silence came the Hebrew prayer of thankfulness for food followed by the Bishop's words of

grace. "As we partake of thy blessing...." Quite naturally too the Negro led us in singing that uplifting spiritual, "Everytime I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray." Our mood changed now to a lighter vein and we would follow the one who started, "Finiculi, Finicula."

Relaxed and joyful, we partook of cider and doughnuts. Soon folkdancing started in the sunparlor--at first only the younger ones, but that spirit too is catching--the few who looked on started to clap but were soon a part of the fun and frolic.

What had happened that evening to that particular cross section of Syracuse citizens who gathered at the Bishop's house? None of us quite know the answer. The man who had traveled all around the world and had lived in many countries, coming to Syracuse from Singapore, said afterward, "It was too good to be true. It was Utopia." All of us felt that it was a miracle but, nevertheless, the kind of a miracle that happens--that can happen any day. It was the miracle of soul meeting soul on a basis of absolute equality, as souls should meet in a democracy, regardless of race or creed, of age or of position. And we know that our "coming together" did not end when we said, "good night," at the Bishop's home.

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Dr. jur. Alfred Eisenstaedt
3520 Carmen Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

March 26.,1942

Dr. W.E.Burghardt DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta,Georgia

Dear Sir:
When I was a student in Berlin I met in the office of"Das Kleine Journal" in Berlin(Germany) between April 1892 and April 1894 an American student.I believe I had advertised at the University that I would like to exchange German lessons against English lessons and that is was from that motive that the American student visited me(The office we met was Jerusalemerstr.54/55 near Jerusalemer Kirche in Berlin).The exchange of languages took not place I guess because the American student would have liked to discuss at once the German law and I was at that time only in the beginning of my study. But I remeber the conversation we had.He spoke about the treatment of the Negroes in U.S.He showed me that he himself what Inever would have thought of was considered to belong to the Negro race and that even small stripes of blck colour on the fingernails would be sufficient to classify aperson as Negro throughout the United States.Then I was so deeply touched by his description of the Negro-Problem that even today I remember these facts.Your photograph in Brawley's Short History of the Americain Negro shows up about the shape of the face of that Americain I mentioned abovewho was some years older than I. (I was born at Berlin in 1874)

I learned with great satisfaction that most successfully you devoted your work to the bettering of the standard of life and of the situation of the Negro-population.So I would be very interested to find out wether you have been that Americain student at Berlin I mentioned above.

Very Sincerely
Yours

Alfred Eisenstaedt

18-46-24

31 March 1942

18-46-25

My dear Sir:

Answering your letter of March 26, I beg to say I was a student in Berlin from 1892 to 1894 and at one time was seeking to exchange English for German with a German student. It is quite possible that I talked with you at the time although I do not happen to remember the incident. I thank you for your kind words.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. jur. Alfred Eisenstaedt
3520 Carmen Avenue
Chicago

424. W. Pine Ave.
El. Dorado Kans.
March 26th 1942.

Mr. E. W. D. De. Bois
Atlanta University.
Atlanta. Ga.

18-59-42

Dear Sir.

Some Years Ago while Attending Branch Normal College. Now knowing as Arkansas State. I ~~Solved~~ Studied on Negro History written by you.
I am a member of a Club knowing as Negro Culture Club. And we are going to buy some books written by Negro's to put in the White Library of our City. we want the White race and our Children to know we have some Noted people. we only have Mixed Schools here and

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All our Children Can here a-
bout there race is. (They once
was Slaves.) And its
its up to us to prove to
our Children we are far
better than been fitted for
Slaves, I live in a small
town where Negroes dont
have the respect for one
another they should have.
They dont seem to have race
pride.

I am writing you asking you
to send me a list of good
Negro books.

Thanking you in Advance
for an early reply.

The white people are willing to
help us. Mrs. Nora Miller Elliott

9 April 1942

My dear Madam:

Answering your letter of March 26, I am enclosing a list of books which you might recommend to your library.

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Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Nov. 24, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
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223 Chestnut St., S/W,
Atlanta, Ga.

Bear Dr. Du Bois:

I was not respondible for the letter sent you by our former associate, F. F. Johnstone, who is now in the army; but I am glad that your reply of the 19th gives me an opportunity of ~~opening~~ continuing this correspondence. In so doing I am going to ask of you a favor. I am mailing you under separate covers a number of marked copies, as well as the current issue, of our modest free-lance paper. These are selected almost an random. I want to ask you to look them over somewhat.

The fact is that we have never in any way sidestepped the important problem to which you refer, but in almost every issue from the start we have had something on it. Negroes themselves have always had access to our pages on exactly the sme terms as whites, and so far as I recall we have never rejected any offering by a Negro, tho we always have vastly more material than we are able to use. In addition to separate articles we often carry items under the head "Firing Line;" "Emancipator Fellowship," and "As We Go To Press."

My own activities have long been well known in this connection. In a few days I am to attend a meeting of the Texas Interracial Commission, and in a few moments I am going to call on a Negro principal of a school at her request, on the other side of the city.

Many years ago I was charmed by your "Souls of Black Folk," and I have always admired your brilliant work. I used to compare your point of view with that of Booker T. Washington, and while that of the latter appealed to the head as best adapted tp conditions existing in the South, in my heart I knew that if I were "black," my position would be closer to yours.

In closing I suggest that you furnish us an article - not too long, for our space is limited, and we have no resources, capital, almost no income. I suggest 700-1000 words. While we have never tried to get contributions of a literary nature from big folks (as I regard you), taking pride in giving an opportunity for

expression to humbler folk among the "masses," we should be honored indeed by a contribution from you.

In closing I thank you for putting to us so frankly the problem and giving us the opportunity of saysing "not guilty."

Faithfully yours,

John C. Granbery,

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June 24, 1942

18-46-47

Dear Doctor DuBois: As you know, I am working on a series of brief biographies of leading Negroes. Of course you are one of them. While your recent autobiography gives much of the material that I want, I am naturally eager to get as much fresh detail as possible. [Someone was telling me the other day that you are tending to re-emphasize the philosophy with which your earlier life was associated, especially the importance of complete integration of Negroes into American life and the desirability of developing the upper tenth of the group in the whole range of the most liberal arts. I wonder if you have been writing on these topics recently or whether you have a statement that you could give me that would sum up your experience and thoughts on race relations.]

Very truly yours,

ERE:JW

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
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Request to write article

62-58-81

Dear Sir:

It is with great interest that I note your Seventy-third (?) birthday on February 23. Although you do not, and may not ever, know me, I trust that you will accept my deepest and most sincere congratulations, and my wish for your general well-being on this, and the many more birthdays that lie ahead for you.

February, a great month. It is the month of Washington, Douglass, Lincoln, Richard Allen, and DuBois. All of these men achieved a fame worthy of history's recording. Since I was born on February 1, I head the list of February's sons, the only difference between the Great Men and me is that history may pass me by. My strongest desire is that I can be of as great influence upon the few whom I reach as you have on the millions of eyes and ears and souls you have reached.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of my little newspaper, the Newsette. I would be most pleased to receive from you a "birthday message" for the people of my community, some 8,000 Negroes. If you can find the time, and if you have the desire to write a few words, I am sure that all the people here would appreciate your doing so.

You may be sure that the people of Evanston join me in wishing you many more years of success and happiness.

Sincerely yours,

Melvin Smith

Melvin S. Smith

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[EVANSTON NEWSETTE]

18 February 1942

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My dear Mr. Smith:

I hope that your little paper the Newsette will have a prosperous career. I know and appreciate many of the colored people of Evanston from former visits.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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January 2nd 1942

Prof. W. E. Burghardt Du Bois
Atlanta University
Georgia U.S.A.

18-47-81

Dear Sir;

Your penetrating book "Black Folk" has put into words, for me, something that I have been trying to say for ten years.

Having lived in the deep south and in the West Indies and fortunately having no prejudices, the logical sequence of your revelation (it is no less than that), unquestionably explains what is wrong with the whole world today.

I feel such personal gratitude towards yourself, for the feast of understanding that has been mine, during the last three days, that is necessary for me to send you these few words of appreciation and thanks.

It is to be hoped that millions of people read AND UNDERSTAND what you have said.

I remain yours faithfully

Macdonald Fenwick

14 January 1942

18-47-5

My dear Mr. Fenwick:

I deeply appreciate your kind words of January second concerning my book.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. MacDonald Fenwick
221 Royal Avenue
New Westminster, British Columbia
Canada

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

PERCY S. BROWN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TELEPHONE
HUBBARD 4514

January 10, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

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I am sorry to have to report to you that the Board of Directors of the Fund rejected your application for a grant at its meeting yesterday. The times are such, and the demands on the Fund so great that many projects which otherwise might have had more favorable consideration had to be rejected. The vote does not reflect lack of interest in the project, nor give any indication that it might not be considered another year.

Sincerely yours,

Percy S. Brown

PSBJM

Apartment 409,
654 Grand Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.,

Jan. 8, 1942.

12-4-43

Dear O.,

I'm sorry about yesterday. But I was in New York, where I wrote you, and did not get home until it was too late to wire you tho' I had not the slightest idea where to wire - the Va. contents -

But why you didn't telephone me - my name is in the telephone directory - will always be a mystery to me. -

And you can never tell me you came in on the 12:45 train which didn't

really get in until 1:40, because I went down to the station to meet it and then came home, thinking you would telephone.

Incidentally I had an exceedingly good dinner for you - which I shall now be obliged to eat for the rest of the week.

I had planned to go to New York earlier but have been working Saturdays all day - and Sundays so that I got up to New York much later than I had planned.

I'm sorry to have missed you because I am still on leave - I go back to work tomorrow - and because I wanted to discuss some work with you.

When do you come this way again? - I wish I could come to Atlanta this spring. Do you still have your conference then?

Write.

Ruth Anna.

14 January 1942

My dear Ruth Anna:

I am awfully sorry to have made a mess of my proposed visit with you. Not hearing from you in time I wrote you again from Baltimore saying that I was going to West Virginia State College and then because I did not hear from you there I came back to Washington and spent the day with Rayford Logan. I came in at eight o'clock in the morning on an earlier train than I thought I could catch. It did not occur to me to search for you in the telephone book but I will be less unintelligent next time and be sure to get in touch with you. I expect to be coming North in April certainly and perhaps before. The conference will not be held in Atlanta this year but will take place in a number of local meetings at other colleges.

I hope this will find you well.

With love,

18-48-4

Miss Ruth Anna Fisher
654 Girard Street Northwest
Apartment 409
Washington, D. C.

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THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WASHINGTON

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

DIVISION OF MANUSCRIPTS

#409 - 654 Girard St. N.W.,

March 30.

Dear B.,

Will you let me know when you plan to come this way again? I ask because I ~~plan~~ hope to take a short holiday and should dislike to be away if you were coming through here.

I want to go to the seaside. Do you know of any place?

Yours,

Ruth Anna

5-84-81

9 April 1942

My dear Ruth:

I was so horribly busy on PHYLON that I could not answer your letter of March thirtieth until now. I shall be coming North the week of April nineteenth and will let you know later the exact date.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Ruth Anna Fisher
409
C54 Girard Street Northwest
Washington

P.S. Arrive in N.Y. 9 [illegible] morning April 20 (or so)
[illegible] leave 11:40 p.m. same day

5 May 1942

My dear Ruth:

It was nice to see you and see you looking well and to find that you are at least toying with the idea of America as a permanent living place. Thank you for your hospitality. I am still thinking over that Library of Congress business and I may drop the acting librarian a communication. If I do I will send you a copy.

Let me hear from you from time to time and if you have something we can publish in PHYLON, send it along.

Very sincerely yours,

12-48-7

Miss Ruth Anna Fisher
654 Girard Street Northwest
Apartment 409
Washington, D. C.

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THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WASHINGTON

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

DIVISION OF MANUSCRIPTS

May 28, 1942.

Dear B.,

My umbrella is definitely lost and the Dr. Burrell upon visit is the daughter of the late Dr. Wheatland of Providence, I think, but anyway of Rhode Island, whom upon knows.

8-87-81

To add to the vanity of my life I tripped over a stone, carrying my head high, and have been laid up for a fortnight with the most agonized ankle imaginable and excruciating pain. Am hobbling painfully about now.

Professor Klingberg of California wrote me the nicest thing (excellent, clarity of presentation etc. etc.) about that article in Woodrow's Journal. He ended after saying, "It is only after years of research and publication that it becomes possible for scholars to set forth a complicated question in simple outlines." And what else am I doing etc. It is odd but

I have had neither extravagant praise over this article, so I presume it's as good as I thought it was.

Our summer holidays have been reduced to fourteen days and we work all national holidays. Nonsense, I think.

I am working hard never to offending all my friends by refusing to see them or to let them drop in as one when they are moved to do so. But I have a little fear, tho' my popularity has suffered.

Wings over Jordan is off. I wouldn't pay my offences, nor would they.

Sincerely

Ruth Adams.

1 October 1942

My dear Ruth Anna:

I have l st all track of you this summer. I was in Washington two or three times just for the day. Tell me about yourself and can you not send sonet ing to PYLON?

I hope you have had some rest.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Ruth Anna Fisher
054 Girard Street Northwest
Apartment 409
Washington, D. C.

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THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WASHINGTON

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

DIVISION OF MANUSCRIPTS

October 13, 1942.

Dear B.,

Naturally, you can't keep track of me if you come to Washington without calling me up. Telepathy and television still have a long way to go. - I have been in Lorain where I had a wonderful time. I was welcomed with kisses and friendliness which touched me deeply. Obviously I was one of the "made good" returned natives. I liked it.

As to Phyl Lon I have a Jamaica petition which I'm writing about which I think might interest you. How long can I have to do it?

In the summer I am simply good for nothing because I cannot stand the heat. It makes me physically ill and then I was in bed with a badly sprained ankle so that life was a bit tiresome. But

01-84-81

now that the weather is changing I'm all right.

Of course you know that E. Franklin Frazier got the "job" here in the Library. He told me he took it only half time (9-1) daily, he wouldn't give up his job at Howard - and I think only for a year, tho' I won't be certain about that.

You might let me review some books for you some time.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Anna

24 October 1942

My dear Ruth Anna:

Send along the article which you have. Never mind the time. It is hard to set exact time for our articles because we come out only four times a year. So let us have it when you finish with it.

I am so glad you went to Lorain and had a good time.

Yours with love,

Miss Ruth Anna Fisher
604 Girard Street Northwest
Apartment 409
Washington

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

Referred to President Clement and Mr. Reid

April 6, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

There is a prospect that Professor Bronislaw Malinowski will be coming to Nashville around the 10th or 11th of April, to remain until about the 13th or 14th. It has occurred to me that you might wish to have him visit your department and Atlanta University for one or two seminar discussions; and since the basic cost of the trip will probably be borne by this institution, the additional cost of transportation and expenses should not be great, and would permit your department to have the benefit of a great scholar, and Professor Malinowski the opportunity to visit Atlanta University. As you know, he is at present at Yale University.

If you are interested you might write to him directly.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

74-SN-81

8 April 1942

My dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you very much for your word about Professor Malinowski. Nothing would please me better than to have him here but I have nothing to do with the financial arrangement of lecturers. I have, however, referred the matter to President Clement and I hope he will write you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

April 10, 1942

18-45-76

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Since Dr. Johnson is at present out of the city, this acknowledgment is being made of the receipt of your letter of the 8th with regard to Dr. Malinowski. He will be back in the office by Monday, however, and if a letter should be received from Dr. Clement before that time it will be brought to Dr. Johnson's attention immediately upon his return to the office.

Sincerely yours,

Bonita Valien

Bonita Valien
Departmental Secretary

bv-p

Dear Dr. W. E.

Since you are so far away now we can not have you run in on us

T-64-81

as you used to do, so
we have to be satisfied
with an occasional note.
How are you these days?
Hope your work is very
pleasant to you. I am
again in Night school
work and Gladys has

18-49-3

been appointed as a
regular teacher in
Junior Hi work at the
Douglas Hi building
so my efforts were not
in vain.

Let us hear from you

at your convenience

Sincerely

D. J. Fitzgerald

[FORT HUACHUCA]

STATION HOSPITAL NO. 1
Office of the Commanding Officer
Fort Huachuca, Arizona

October 12, 1942

18-53.37

Request for Photograph

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor DuBois:

As Governor of the Officers Mountain View Club, I hope that I shall be able to place therein a number of photographs of important people as an inspiration to the several hundred colored officers who make up our membership. There are definite limitations here as to materials for framing and hanging, and we have had a great deal of difficulty in taking care of unframed pictures, even in the matter of such simple things as screws and wire for the back of the picture in order to make it possible to hang them.

We would like very much to have an ordinary sized autographed photograph of you, framed and ready for hanging, to place in this club. We hope that you can bear with us in this matter and present the picture ready for hanging. Please be kind enough to let me know whether this is possible.

Yours very truly,

M. O. Bousfield
Lt. Col., Medical Corps
Governor
Officers Mountain View Club

MOB:RH

(FORT HUACHUCA)

STATION HOSPITAL NO. 1
Fort Huachuca, Arizona

October 17, 1942

18-53-34

Request for photograph

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor DuBois:

I have been a little disturbed by requesting a framed photograph from you, and I now wish to amend my original request by asking that the picture be sent autographed but unframed. By an unusual piece of good fortune, which was entirely unexpected, we now find that we will be able to care for this detail here on the Post. I sincerely hope that this will not only make it easy for you to accede to our request but will even give us the complete assurance that you will comply.

With very kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

M. O. Bousfield
Lt. Col., Medical Corps
Commanding

MOB:RH

[FORT HUACHUCA]

STATION HOSPITAL NO. 1
Fort Huachuca, Arizona

October 17, 1942

18-53-3a

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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With very kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

M. O. Bousfield
Lt. Col., Medical Corps
Commanding

MOB:RH

[FORT HUACHUCA]

24 October 1942

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My dear Colonel Bousfield:

I am ordering the picture which you wish from Scurlock and as soon as it arrives, I will autograph it and send it to you.

I hope you are having an interesting job.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. W. C. Bousfield
Station Hospital No. 1
Fort Huachuca, Arizona

[FORT HUACHUCA]

STATION HOSPITAL NO. 1
Fort Huachuca, Arizona

October 28, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Request for Photograph

Dear Doctor Du Bois:

18-416-86

I appreciate your note regarding the picture. I want to comment just a bit on your expression concerning this being an interesting job. You surely should remember quite well the tremendous furor over the Des Moines training camp during World War One. Some of my friends have said to me that this hospital has been similarly the great controversial issue this time. You may derive considerable pleasure from the fact that although that was an initial effort at officer training, in a segregated unit, during this war these officers have been trained along with white officers and although serving in Negro units they are even, in some instances, living in the same barracks with white officers.

There are more highly commissioned Negro officers in this hospital than we have ever had in the Army before. I have ten majors, seventeen captains, twenty-five first lieutenants, and two second lieutenants on the staff here. We have treated in this hospital high ranking white officers - from the Major General in Command of the 93rd Division right on down the line. This, despite the fact that there is a 200 bed white hospital staffed by white officers on the Post. There are about 750 beds in this unit and we expect it to be enlarged to over a thousand before the winter is over.

This is an interesting and beautiful spot, with the finest climate in all the world. If you have occasion to go to the coast, try to plan your trip this way, coming either out of Chicago on the Rock Island via the Golden State Limited, or through New Orleans on the Southern Pacific. The station of disembarkation from the tardy ships which roll on the railroads these days is at Hereford, Arizona. No ticket agent over twenty miles from this spot knows this. Generally, they send you to Tucson, which is a hundred miles away and never to be confused with this place, and certainly must not be from the point of view of temperatures. We are a mile high in the mountains and very comfortable at all times.

With very kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

M. O. Bousfield
Lt. Col., Medical Corps
Commanding

MOB:RH

[FORTUNE]

18-59-47

from

ARTHUR NORTHWOOD, JR.

Bureau of Special Services
TIME & LIFE BUILDING
ROCKEFELLER CENTER, NEW YORK CITY

If advance copies of any of these articles would be useful to you, let me know by postcard or letter and--if they are available--I will see that they are sent. But please check through this Index promptly, as our supply is limited, and requests will be filled in order of receipt.

May I suggest that you keep this Preview in your file where it will be handy when you may be looking later for references on subjects covered by these articles.

Here is your Preview

of articles in the coming issue of

FORTUNE

[FORTUNE]

20 February 1942

My dear Mr. Northwood:

I should be glad to receive copies of the preview of articles in FORTUNE if you can spare them.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Arthur Northwood, Jr.
Bureau of Special Services
Time and Life Building
Rockefeller Center, New York City

21 May 1942

18-46-34

My dear Sir:

I should like to write for FORTUNE an article with the following thesis: the present war is a war for racial equality; not consciously but more and more unconsciously. It may end before essential racial equality is achieved, in which case, it will be historically the first phase of this inevitable struggle.

One sees easily the steps by which we have come to this outcome. First, we were fighting dictators. Then we tried to make it a war for democracy but, of course, we meant democracy in Europe and North America. At last we have come to the place where no real settlement of the issues raised by the war can be ~~settled~~ without extending democracy to Asia and back of Asiatic autonomy lies the shadow of Africa. Just as the Civil War in the United States began as a war for federal union and became a war against slavery, which gave it the necessary ethical slogan, so the present war which began as a struggle against Germany changed to a plea for the domination of the world by English-speaking nations but cannot achieve ethical sanctions without becoming a war for the political and social equality for the great races of man.

This is the central idea of the article I should like to write. I can, if you are willing, give you a more carefully organized outline; or send you a finished article. Would you be willing to consider such an essay?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

The Editor
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Time and Life Building
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New York City

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EDITORIAL OFFICES

June 3, 1942

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

18-58-34

I was much interested in your suggestion for a FORTUNE article interpreting the war as a struggle for racial equality. It is an interesting thesis and one which is propounded by many serious thinkers. So far as FORTUNE is concerned, however, I am afraid your suggestion comes at a wrong time: in our June issue we have an article treating the condition of the Negro in the U.S., and particularly in relation to our war effort. I doubt if we will return to the subject of racial equality for some time.

Many thanks, however, for your letter. I appreciate your considering FORTUNE as an outlet for your manuscript.

Very truly yours,

Ralph D. Paine, Jr.

Ralph D. Paine, Jr.
Managing Editor

Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America

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December 24, 1942

18-59-16

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

You will note from the enclosed that we are to have a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America, in Chicago, January 6.

It is not necessary for me to say to you that this is a strategic hour for Church leaders and representative Christian workers of the Negro Race to present something of a charter for our people in their present situation with observations upon the status quo and something of a course that will make a desirable change in the present racial situation; some of the prospective issues that will confront the Negro after the war; and a plan to meet these prospective issues when the boys return from the fields of conflict; what should the Negro Church leaders do in the Church as an organization?

These statements are made merely to suggest to you some of my thinking at this vital hour and on these vital issues, but more particularly to request that you will send to me as President of the organization, some suggestions with reference to a charted course for the Negro Churches, or directed to the Executive Committee as suggested observations. I am very anxious to have some observation from you on the services that this organization can render at this strategic hour. If I might have these suggestions at an early date I will appreciate it very much.

With cordiality, I am

Yours very truly,

James A. Bray

JAB:DJ
Encl.

[ENCL]

The Executive Committee of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America, representing more than six millions members of Protestantism, will meet in Chicago January 6. Representatives of all the major denominations and some of the minor ones will include Church leaders from the East, South, West and North Central states.

Chief interest in the meeting will revolve around the ideas of the importance of Negro representation at the Peace Table when victory in the present global war has been achieved; the establishment of a national office in Washington for closer and vital contacts with national legislation; the discussion of the status of Negroes in our Armed Forces in America and abroad; the Negro's part in the agricultural life of the nation at this hour; the Negro Church's stand on these vital issues; an address to the Negro Churches and an appeal to all Christian Churches in the promotion of interracial fellowship and goodwill.

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Bishop James A. Bray of Chicago, president of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America; Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., of Wilberforce, Ohio, executive secretary; Dr. William H. Jernagin of Washington, D. C., chairman of the Executive Committee, are the signers of the call.

Notable among the delegates to be present are:

Dr. D. V. Jemison, president of the National Baptist Convention, Unincorporated;
Bishop W. Y. Bell, Atlanta, Ga.;
" D. H. Sims, Philadelphia, Pa.;
" P. A. Wallace, Brooklyn, N. Y.;
" William Ernest, New York City;
" R. C. Ransom, Wilberforce, Ohio;
Dr. E. L. Harrison, Washington, D. C.;
" V. M. Townsend, Little Rock, Ark.;
" Luther Stewart, Jackson, Tenn.;
" H. T. Medford, Washington, D. C.;
Bishop W. W. Matthews, Washington, D. C.;
Dr. A. W. Womack, Memphis, Tenn.;
Bishop J. A. Gregg, Kansas City, Kan.;
Dr. H. A. White, Detroit, Mich.;
Bishop J. A. Hamlett, Kansas City, Kan.;
Dr. W. A. Cooper, St. Louis, Mo.;
Bishop R. E. Jones, New Orleans, La.; (?)
Bishop C. L. Russell, Washington, D. C., and other leaders of local churches and other distant church organizations will be present.

Wednesday evening, January 6, a public massmeeting will be held under the auspices of the Council at Monumental Baptist Church, 632 Oakwood Boulevard, Dr. J. L. Horace, Pastor.

14 January 1942

18-48-3

My dear Mr. Frazier:

I take pleasure in seconding the invitation extended you by President Clement and Mr. Reid to visit Atlanta University. It would be a pleasure to welcome you here.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. E. Franklin Frazier
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

E. FRANKLIN FRAZIER
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 31, 1942

Social Menu

19-49-54

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Thanks for your letter of the 14th seconding the invitation of the President and Mr. Reid to visit Atlanta University. I have accepted the invitation and plan to be there during the week of March 9th.

Sincerely yours,

E. Franklin Frazier

E. Franklin Frazier

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

28 November 1942

18-53-55

Dear Dr. Frazier:

This will introduce to you Dr. William W. Krauss, a former research scientist of the State Institute for Race Biology at Uppsala. Dr. Krauss is very much interested in race problems and has recently spent six years in Hawaii making photographs and measurements. I shall be very glad if you would confer with him and be of any service that you can while he is stopping in Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. E. Franklin Frazier
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

26 February 1942

18-52-16

My dear Sir:

Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, chairman of the Department of Sociology, Howard University, will give two lectures on the American Family in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library, Monday and Tuesday evenings, March ninth and tenth at seven-thirty p. m. I am writing especially to invite you to be present together with any members of your department.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois
Head, Department of Sociology

Dr. J. W. Nicholson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Ida Bos Williams
[Henry Highland Garnett School]

WE THE PUPILS

One Hundred 103 Three Special

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THE JUNIOR RED CROSS

We made 100 soldiers happy at Easter time by sending them greeting cards.

Each class sent in names of soldiers that they knew and a committee of Junior members addressed and stamped them.

Nearly every state from Maine to California, and from Wisconsin to New Mexico was represented. We sent cards to the Canal Zone, and Honolulu, Hawaii,

We heard from many of the soldiers who expressed both their surprise and pleasure at hearing from us.

They thrilled us by singing—
"Your Soldier Pal."

Read what they had to say:

"It means a great deal to a soldier to know that he has friends, both known and unknown, who are working and planning to do useful things that contribute to his morale."
Acting Captain
Arthur L. Smallwood
"B" btry, 15th Bn., C.A., R.C.
Fort Eustis, Virginia

..A letter or a beautiful card like the one you little friends sent me does much to dispel the monotony of army life."
Pvt. Henry L. Tompkins
Btry C., 15th Bn.
Fort Eustis, Virginia

"I am in this army to help stop the war so my little friends like you can always go to school and always be happy
Harvey N. Moye
828th 2. M. C.
Dothan, Alabama

May 19, 1942

Dear Girls and Boys:

This is the second edition of our paper and we are very proud of it. You have contributed much worthwhile material and I am sure your parents and friends will enjoy reading it.

We are very proud of your achievement this term. You have purchased Defense Stamps every week, you have made deposits in the School Bank, weekly. You have improved your daily attendance, and your conduct has been most satisfactory. You have proved to us that you have used pour handbook and remembered each objective for each month; and we are proud to say that Garnet School No. 103 *has many, many fine citizens. ....*

Vacation time is fast approaching and I hope you are going to spend an enjoyable holiday visiting the country, the camps, and the City Playgrounds. Vacation time is a fine time to pursue your hobbies; I hope every girl and boy will find time to do. Strive hard to make your vacation happy and profitable. DO NOT FORGET OUR DEFENSE PROGRAM DURING THE VACATION PERIOD. "All out for Defense. Play some! Work some!"

Yours, for a happy vacation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Gladys H. Derry

..I was rather surprised but very delighted to hear from you."
Troop F, 9th Calvary
Pvt. Wm. N. Dickerson
Camp Funston, Kansas

"It was swell of you to send me an Easter card, especially when you don't even know who I am."
Pvt. Kenneth C. Druck
2 M. C. Detachment
Edgewood Arsenal, Md.

"Do not lose confidence in us for we will see that you live in a place where we hope to keep the American eagle flying at all times."
Pvt. Louis Jackson
Co . B. 8th Medical Bn.
Camp Lee, Virginia

be able to tell how happy, grate- "My lips nor my heart will never ful and honored I was to receive such a gift."
Pvt. George W. Hudgins
367th Infantry, Co. M.
Camp Claiborne, La.

"Your card brought me an unusual pleasure."
Sgt. Harry J. Hunt
741st 2. M. C.
Langley Field, Virginia

"You can never imagine how much I appreciat your kind remembrance."
Pvt. R. R. White
795th T. D. Bn.
Hq. Co.
Fort Custer, Michigan

Submitted by
Louise Smallwood

"I wish you all the best of luck and happiness."
Ellsworth Dorsey
Co. K, 25th Infantry
Fort Hauchau,, Arizona.

"Everyone, young and old, must do his part for victory"
Pvt. Linwood Koger
Co. E. 16th Training Battalion
Camp Wheeler, Georgia

"Remember to work hard, study your lessons, obey your teachers—you'll never regret it."
Sgt. Cyrus Marshall
Co. F. 16th Training Battalion
Camp Wheeler, Georgia

"I was very surpriseed to receive your Easter card and I apreciate it very much."
Wilbur Price
Co. A. 98th Engineers Bn.
Camp Polk, Louisiana

'Not only I, but Uncle Sam and his soldiers are proud to know that you are members of the Junior Red Cross."
Pvt. Medford Camper
Camp Shelby, Mississippi
H. & S. Co. 378 Engineers Bn.

"I thank you very much for your card and I hope to hear from you again."
Pvt. George Briscoe
Co. H. 372nd Infantry
124 E. 23rd St. New York City

"Your card made me feel very happy."
Benjamin McCall
29th Chemical Co., Decon.
Fort Ord, California

SPECIAL EDITORS

Attendance ..... Mrs. Harding
Bright Sayings ..... Mrs. Louise L. Smallwood
Club News ..... Miss Rose T. Kinney
Do You Know ..... Miss Thelma A. Langley
Editorial Page ..... Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams
Jokes ..... Mrs. Gladys P. Hall
Poets' Corner ..... Miss Pauline L. Wilson
Quiz Corner ..... Mrs. Rosaline J. Rawlings
Special Class Activities ..... Mrs. Thelma D. Cox

HEALTH

A healthy nation is a strong nation. We must be strong to win.

WE NEED REST. A tired person cannot do his best work. So get plenty of sleep and rest often. Tell Father this.

WE NEED GOOD FOOD. We need Vitamins for Victory. Eat plenty of good, fresh vegetables. Tell mother not to cook her vegetables too long. Short cooking saves the richness your body needs. You Should:

1. Drink plenty of water
2. Drink plenty of milk
3. Eat plenty of fruit
4. Be careful not to eat too often.

WE NEED EXERCISE. Walk, run and play in the open air. Your body needs this air. Your blood will be richer and better if you do.

WE NEED RECREATION. Have a hobby. Learn something new. Be a scout or a cub. Be something. Join something. Make something. Do something different. Your mind needs a change. Tell your parents about this.

We need strong boys and girls. Make yourself strong and healthy. Uncle Sam needs you.

Editorial

—V. ADAM

Bright Sayings

During the first world war, when sugar was scarce and hard to obtain, my brother, who was then about four, had never seen snow. One afternoon it began to snow when he was out playing. He ran into the house crying:

"Mother, come quick with the dishpan. God's sending us sugar from heaven!"

—James A. Brown

No. 103 Health Squad

The following children are members of No. 103 Health Squad:

1. Linwood Franklin
2. Douglas Shepherd
3. Elizabeth Barton
4. Pauline Brown
5. Alvin Fitts
6. Hortense Washington
7. John Lockhart
8. Carol Lewis
9. Joseph Johnson
10. Thelma Baytops
11. William Streets
12. Barbara Chaffin
13. James Johnson
14. Lois Staples
15. Melvin Jackson
16. Mary Harris
17. Elaine Russell
18. Charles Robinson
19. Anne Brown
20. George Douglass
21. Anna Leatherburg

—MRS. M. F. ROSS

Defense Stamp Sale ...

DO YOU KNOW:

That the 6-A class has purchased an increasing number of stamps each week?

That the highest amount of money brought in by them was $11.20?

That one girl, Gerline Thomas, purchases on an average of twenty 25c stamps each week?

That our goal is at least one 10c stamp for each pupil each week?

—GRAD 6-A

Do You Know?

1. That these children have made salt and flour maps in connection with their work on "The Sahara Desert and Egypt"?
   Maurice Williams
   Daphne McIntosh
   Mary Lloyd
   Mary Harris
   Alan Blackwell
   Wesley Payne
2. That Robert Franklin, William Cotton, and William Streets have made an Egyptian mummy in its case?
3. That Maurice Williams has written several good riddles on facts learned about Egypt?

—(Mrs.) Frances S. Wooten
Room 204

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WAS THIS A BARGAIN?

William went to the corner store with two cents to buy an apple. The store keeper offered him a five-cent apple for two cents because it was "specked".

"And don't you know," said William, "after I cut the rotten part away, I had just as much apple as if I had bought a two cent one."

—2-C—2-B Class

School No. 103
April, 1942

Dear Boys and Girls:

Spring is here! Winter has gone. Summer is on its way. Promotion time is less than six weeks away.

Do not wait until the warm weather to start working up. Work up now before it is too late. Your teachers will be glad to help you.

What does your report say? How is your reading? Your spelling? Your arithmetic? Your conduct? Improve them.

Spring is here! Winter has gone. Summer is on its way. Promotion time is near. Be ready. Work up, now.

Sincerely,
V. Adams

National Negro Health Week

The celebration of National Negro Health Week was a huge success at School No. 103. The committee for Health Week deserves a great deal of credit for its efforts and accomplishments.

On two occasions a representative from the Health Department showed movies—"Let My People Live" and "Sand in the Gears"—to a most appreciative audience.

Dr. Williams of the Druid Health Center was guest speaker to the assembly one day. Another day Miss Florence Roberts, our school nurse, spoke to the pupils.

Under the able direction of the Health Committee, four plays were presented to the entire school.

Members of the Health Committee include: Miss Thelma Langley, Mrs. Marion Ross, Mrs. Edythe Harding, and Mr. Clarence Gittings. Mrs. Harding was the chairman.

Health is stressed at this school every day, but during National Negro Health Week School No. 103 really surpassed itself.

EDITORIALS

America is at war. We can lose this war. We can win this war if each person does his part. The soldiers are doing their bit. What about you?

What can you do? This is what you can do. You can and must:

1. Save time
2. Save waste paper
3. Save old newspapers and magazines
4. Save old rags
5. Save scrap metals:
   a. Tin cans
   b. Tooth paste tubes
   c. Old pots and pans
   d. Old wire
6. Save old rubber
7. Buy defense stamps
8. Save, Save, Save
9. Do not waste anything

If each person does his share, we will win. We must win.

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An Open Letter to Junior Red Cross Members

School No. 103
Baltimore, Md.
April, 1942

Dear Boys and Girls:

A few days ago leaflets were sent to each classroom telling you about the salvaging of waste materials such as scrap iron, rubber of all kinds, paper cartons, old rags, paper bags, newspapers, and magazines.

We are sure that each one of you, as a member of the Junior Red Cross of School No. 103, will do all that you can to help make the Defense Program a success.

We wish our school had room enough to keep the things you salvage so that all could be sent in together, but since that is impossible, we beg you to save your papers and other things and take them to your nearest junk dealer.

If you have too much to take yourself, call Plaza 6877 and they will see that your collection will be taken care of.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,
LOUISE L. SMALLWOOD

Junior Red Cross

We regret that our meetings have been so few since Christmas. However, we hope that the work we have done in the past will encourage us to do bigger things in the future.

We made children happy at Christmas time in two institutons, namely: the children's ward of Provident Hospital and the Catholic Day Nursery for Colored Children.

At Easter we remembered soldiers at nearby camps by sending at least one hundred Easter cards. Some of them were made by the members of our club, and some of them were donated by the advisor.

L. L. SMALLWOOD
Advisor.

Play Leaders for February and March

1-B—1-C
BROWNIES:
Algie Malone
BUSY BEES:
Gloria Hicks
WORKERS:
Roosevelt Clayton

We play games in groups. We like to play that way.

V. ADAMS, Teacher.

Special Activity

The Lads and Lassies, class 4-A, recently held an amateur hour and a doll contest. Betty Conaway's doll won first prize. Thalia Mallory's doll won second prize, and third prize was awarded to Shirley Newton. Prizes were awarded at the egg roll which was held Easter Monday in Druid Hill Park.

Lads and Lassies, 4-A
Mrs. R. J. Rawlings, Advisor
Thalia Mallory, President
Betty Conaway, Secretary

Indian Life

Miss Langley's 2-A' class has been studying Indian Life. The pupils have shown great interest in the unit. They have brought many worthwhile materials for the class to see and use, such as Poem and paint set, Tony Mason Macaroni (elbow) for beads — Sculptor's clay — Damon Mills Anna Imes, William Henson, Charles Mercer.
Pictures—Elose Larkins.
Model for Tepees—Eloise Larkins.

2-B 2-A MISS H. L. SMITH, Teacher.

Class 2-B—2-A has been studying Indian life. Lewis Jackson drew a frieze showing the Indians moving. Harry Alexander, Charles Jones, Edward Hayes, Harold Liggins, Donald Bruce, Elis Hardy, and Gordon Fain made a Pueblo house out of pasteboard boxes. The house was painted green with orange ladders.

Special Class Activities

1-C—1-B HOBBY CLUB

The 1-C—1-B class, of which Mrs. Adams is the teacher, has a hobby club. Each child is a member. Old magazines were covered with brown paper. Each child was given one. The books were decorated with the words "My Hobby" and a picture representing the hobby. The children bring in their own pictures and paste them in the books before school, in the morning and in the afternoon.

It is quite a bit of fun and the children love it. They help each other. Here is a list of the pictures the children are collecting:

Children: Elsie Richardson and Dorothy Deminds.

Flowers: Regina Bruce, Roosevelt Clayton, George Brooks.

Airplanes: William Ames, Una Coward, Franklyn Evans.

Soldiers: Donald Watkins, Delores Simmons, Harry Williams.

Boats and Ships: Audrey McNair and John Anthony.

Lone Ranger: Leatrice Hubbard, Billy Smith, Floyd Fitts, Laurence Todd.

Skippy: Carol Ann Troy, Garnetta Jackson.

Popeye: Joan Maxine Brown.

Flash Gordon: Marylynne Martin, Yvonne Barnes, Harold McKinley.

Henry: Charles Towns, Phillip Chester, Delores Lewis, James Carvens.

Toto: Alfred Greene.

Donald Duck: Carol Mitchell, Samuel Cornish, Donald Garnett.

Mickey Mouse: Levin West, Marie Pennick.

Blondie: Sylvester Dyson.

Phantom: Eldrey McColley.

Food: Vashti Lockman, Gloria Hicks.

Orphan Annie: Blanch Bradford.

CONSERVATION

School No. 103
Division Street near Lanvale
Baltimore, Maryland
March 5, 1942

Western Pine Association
Yeon Building
Portland, Oregon

Gentlemen:

Our class is studying about national forests in our Science periods. Will you kindly send us the 24 page booklet so we may get some information on our national forests?

Very truly yours,
Classes 4-A—5-B

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Mrs. Cox's class has been studying about Conservation. We have a lot of things about Conservation. We learned the value of our forests and the causes of forest destruction. The class studied a poem, "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer.

You are cordially invited to visit our museum.

Sincerely,
EVA HARDY
Class 4-A

An Easter Surprise

We had an Easter Surprise.
We made Easter Baskets.
George Brooks made one for Mrs. Derry.
We found candy in our baskets.
The girls had Easter bows.
The boys had Easter ties.
We had a good time.
We liked our surprise.

Class 1-B—1-C,
V. ADAMS, Teacher

Special Class Activity

5-A—MR. C. J. GITTINGS, Teacher

You may look forward to a marked improvement in the apearance of the pupils of the 5-A class. We are all determined to look and act our best at all times.

SPECIAL CLASS ACTIVITIES

Our Holland Vocabulary

A—Amsterdam
B—Barges, bogs, basins, butter, breakwaters, bulbs
C—Canals, cheese, clay lands coarse grass, chocolate
D—Dikes, delta land, dairy farming, dairy products, dunes, Dutch Delft
E—Edam, engineers, East Indies
F—Farming, fishing
G—Greenhouses
H—Haymaking, Holstein cows, hyacinths, Holland
I—Industrious
J—Java
K—
L—Lowland
M—Market day, market garden
N—Netherland, North Sea
O—Oblong shaped basins
P—Polderlands, peat, patient
Q—
R—Rotterdam, Rhine River
S—Storks, sand dunes, sea,
T—Tiles, tulip
U—
V—
W—Windmills, watchemen,
X—
Y—
Z—Zuider Zee

Douglass Shepperd
Dubois Williams
Edward Burrell
Winifred Smith
Betty Conaway
Thalia Mallory

Grade 4-A—
Mrs. R. J. Rawlings,
Teacher

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Class 1-B—1-C—Room No. 101

During the week of February 9, the 1-B—1-C class had a program during an air raid drill. Harold McKinley said the "Pledge to the Flag." Gloria Hicks said "The Lord's Prayer." The assembly sang "Red, White and Blue."

V. ADAMS, Teacher.

Keeping up with Current Events

The children of Room No 207 have as their unit in Social Studies "The Study of Brazil". They have been watching the part that Brazil is playing in the war. They came to class one day bubbling over with the fact that five Brazilian ships had been sunk and that the president of Brazil was about to declare war on Germany and Japan.

M. F. ROSS, Teacher.

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CLASS—1-B—1-A

The 1-B—1-A class made a school movie as a summary of the "School' unit. The children who drew the best pictures were:

Lemuel James
Gloria Carter
Louis McCallup
Sharon Heath

The 1-B—1-C class is studying
Estelle Wellington

Isabelle Ross talked about the pictures as they were being shown.

Doris Benson made up stories about "Our School", and Melvin Johnson made up riddles.

We are now working on Community Life. We have talked of the florist shop. The following children have planted flower seeds during the Science period:

Doris Benson
Gloria Carter
Lay Ruff
Sherman Henson
Melvin Johnson
Ernest McCrae
Shirley Jones
William Rice
Francis Mack

MRS. HALL, Teacher.

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5-A—MR. C. J. GITTINGS

During the month of February the class was able to create a striking resemblence of George Washington in a life-sized clay bust. The individuals who worked on the bust were: Calvin Douglass, Louis Russell and Clarke Dyer.

The 1-B, 1-C class is studying about our school. One morning while Joan Brown was reading Mrs. Harding took our picture. Then we went in the yard and had our pictures taken again. The pictures turned out fine.

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We made up some committees so we could have a work period. We plan to make a school, some people, some scrapbooks and some pictures.

THE
PICTURE COMMITTEE

George Brooks
Franklyn D. R. Evans
Charles Townes
Harry Williams
Joan Brown
Elsie Richardson
Sylvester Dyson
William Ames
Alfred Greene
John Anthony
Shirley Fitts

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Edward Toye
Maralyne Martin
Leatrice Hubbard
Marie Pennick
Willie Bumbray
Linwood Brown
Una Coward
Samuel Cornish
Dorothy Deminds
Levin West

COMMITTEE
FOR THE PEOPLE

Harold McKinley
James Carvens
Samuel Cousan
Charles Mitchell
Donald Garnett
Lawrence Toad
Audrey McNair
Eldrey McColley

SCRAP BOOK COMMITTEE

Billy Smith
Delores Lewis
Gernetta Jackson
Floyd Fitts
Phillip Chester
Regina Bruce

The Sahara Desert

In the northern part of Africa, there is a big, dry, sandy land where it is very difficult for anyone to live because of the scarcity of vegetation and water.

Class 4-B greatly enjoyed the study of the Sahara Desert. We learned so many interesting things that we had many activities to show what we know.

Vernon Howard has drawn two large pictures in connection with this unit. One shows a camel caravan. The other shows dwellers of the oases gathering dates from the date palm. These are done in colored chalk.

Our frieze, showing the caravan camped outside of an oasis town, was drawn and colored by Elwood Agent, Raymond Franklin, William Cotton, Stanley Walker, and Vernon Howard.

Three nomads were made and dressed by Mary Harris, Elizabeth Palmer, and Theresa White.

Barbara Loman, Norma Jenkins, and Barbara Chaffin have woven rugs.

Camels were made by: Alan Blackwell, James Brown, and George Johnson.

Stanley Walker is making our tent.

In our English work, there has been much fine work done. George Hatchett and Norma Jenkins have written poems. Riddles were written by Wesley Payne and William Streets. Several interesting letters have been written by Marjorie Alexander, Wiliam Streets, Delores Edwards and Elizabeth Palmer. William Cotton and Alan Blackwell have written interesting compositions.

Everyone has enjoyed the study of the desert.

Yvonne Barnes
Vashti Lockman
Delores Simmons
V. ADAMS, Teacher.

Compositions from Class 2-A

Miss Thelma A. Langley, Teacher

THE BLUEBIRD

The Bluebird flies South in the winter. The Bulebird is blue and orange.

Damon Mills
Class 2-A
May 1, 1942

A ROBIN

I know a birdie. His name is Robin Redbreast. He helps the farmer in his work. I see him in my yard.

Alton P. Scott, Jr.
Class 2-A
May 1, 1942

THE WOODPECKER

The Woodpecker pecks holes in trees for his nest.

Ann Martin
Class 2-A
May 1, 1942

THE BLUEBIRD

The Bluebird is one of the first birds to come North. The Bluebird sings very sweetly.

Jimmy McNeill
Class 2-A
May 1, 1942

THE ROBIN

Robin, Robin Redbreast comes in the springtime. He sits upon a tree and sings a beautiful song all day long.

Anna Imes
Class 2-A
May 1, 1942

ROBIN REDBREAST

The mother and father Robin comes in the sringtime
take care of their babies. The Robin Redbreast builds his nest in the tree. The father Robin flies to get food for the babies.

Eloise Larkins
Class 2-A
May 1, 1942

THE ROBIN

I saw a Robin in a tree. I also saw a Robin in a bird house.

John Swett
Class 2-A
May 1, 1942

ORIGINAL SONGS

Herman Carter, a 2-B pupil of our school, has writen a little song about the war.

It is a real child's song and he has a lilting little melody that goes with it.

"America is at war
America is at war
We'll give 'em this,
We'll give 'em that,
We'll turn their yellow into black.
America is at war."

By Herman Carter
Grade 2-B—Age 7

TRANSPORTATION

Boats sail through the water
Trains run on tracks
Planes fly high in the air
They all take you most anywhere.

Carol Dean
Class 1-A-1

TRAINS

Trains take you from place to
place
They really run so very fast
It looks loke they're having
a race

Delores Edwards
Class 1-A-1

THE STREET CAR

It's fun to ride on the Street Car
Whether you go near or far.

Etna Johnson
Class 1-A-1

BEDTIME

Tick tock
It's seven o'clock
It's time for children to go to bed
"Tick, tock," said the clock.

Shirley Cole
Class 1-A-1

THE SCHOOL BELL

Ding dong bell
Hear the school bell
Everyone's on time
When the clock strikes nine.

Ann Shervington
Class 1-A-1

THE SUN

I like to see the sun in the sky
Looking down from way up high
It's shining so bright
I like to see the light.

Ernestine Dais
Class 1-A-1

THE MOON

The moon gets it light from
the sun
It borrows it when day is done.

Alfred Gundy
Class 1-A-1

SPRING

Spring will soon be here
To bring us all good cheer
Our flowers will begin to bloom
Then we'll have a pretty room.

Sophie Williams
Class 1-A-1

OUR BIRDS

The Oriole is orange and black. The Bluebird is blue and orange. The Robin can fly fast.

Meta Patterson
Class 2-A
May 1, 1942

THE ROBIN REDBREAST

The Robin has a red breast. The Robin flies South in winter.

Cynthia Johnson
Class 2-A
May 1, 1942

Always obey the safety rule
When you are going and coming from school.

—DuBois Williams—4-A

Safety Rhymes And Jingles

Keep to the right or someone might see an awful fright.

—Douglas Shepperd—4-A

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The safe way is the best way
For boys and girls to play.

—Edward Burrell—4-A

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Get a good start
Or you'll have a bad heart.

—Louise Bruce—4-A

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Walk! do not run—
You'll find it lots of fun.

—Louise Bruce—4-A

Playlets

I. The House That Jack Built
- Peggy James
- Cecelia Williams
- Mary Mercer
- Lois Staples
- Betty Bigby
- Carol Lewis
- DuBois Williams
- Betty Martin

II. Mother Goose in Health Land
1. Mother Goose — *Ann Brown*
2. Tommy Tucker — *Harold Liggins*
3. Mary, Mary — *Sophia Williams*
4. Tom, Tom — *Jerome Troy*
5. Jack Horner — *Harvey Davidson*
6. Bo-Peep — *Cynthia Johnson*
7. Boy Blue — *Charles Powell*
8. Bobby Shaftoe — *Wade Taylor*
10. King Coal — *Gordon Faine*
11. King Wood — *Herman Carter*
12. Jack and Jill — *Margaret Williams*

The posters were made by Daniel Howard and Vernon Howard.

Submitted by
E. B. Harding
T. A. Langley

Riddles

I am like a storehouse. I store food in my body. They call me the "Ship of the Desert" because I can go for days and days without food or water. What am I?

ANS.—Camel.
—Wesley Payne—4-B

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I am a large animal with a hump. I can go for days without food or water. I travel from place to place carrying the articles of the nomads. What am I?

ANS.—Camel.
—William Streets—4-B

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A stick in his hand
A stone in his throat.
If you tell me this riddle
I'll give you a goat.
ANS.—Cherry

THE POETS' CORNER

LUNA

At evening when the sun is low,
There comes a glare of sparkling light—
From Luna, the moon, who,
round us large and bright
With her beauty shines on the lonely earth at night.

She shines at night
And brings us sparkling light
With her beauty bright.
Everyone loves her to be near
Lovely, adorable, beautiful Luna, dear.

—Gloria Washington—6-A

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CHARLEMAGNE

Charlemagne was brave and strong
And to the Franks he did no wrong.
He built them schools
And taught them to follow the golden rule.
Their roads and bridges were kept in repair
And in the government they had a share.
And now we all can understand
Why Charlemagne was greatest in his land.

—Class 4-A
Mrs. R. J. Rawlings, teacher

Rhymes and Riddles

CAN YOU GUESS?

He was straight and tall,
He was kind to all.
To the poor slave—
Freedom he gave.

—Class 3-A—Room 206

George Washington, brave and true
Did his best for all.
When asked about the tree,
Said, "I cannott lie to thee."

—Franciene Mallory—3-A

THE BARBARIANS

The Barbarians were tall and fair
With fierce blue eyes and long blonde hair.
Their clothes were made of wool and skin —
They loved to see a fight begin.
They ate cheese, wild fruit and the meat of deer —
And drank much milk and loved their beer.
Their huts were made of logs of wood
And in the caves they stored their food.
Freya was the god of love
Who lived up in Valhalla above.
Valhalla was heaven above
With Woden whom all Barbarians loved.

—Class 4-A,

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THE FIRE ALARM

Whenever I see a little duck
I always think of a fire engine truck.
Whenever I hear a fire alarm
I know it's doing someone harm.
Whenever a fire is in the city
I say to myself "What a pity!"
A fire can start anywhere —
On land, on sea, or in the air.
A fire bug is an unusual man,
He'll start a fire wherever he can.

—Purnell Martinez—5-A

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OUR GOAL

Be kind to each other
Be fair to each other
Be fair in your work and play
Honor and love
To the Father above —
Is a nice goal for each day.

—Geraldine Paster

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THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

The Underground Railroad had some people confused,
But most people knew why it was used.
The slaves stole away by sea and land,
To the northern lands, which they thought so grand.

—Sandra Koger, 4-B

Bright Sayings

Old friend of the family: How did John do in his history test?
Mother: He didn't do well at all, but it is not his fault. The teacher asked him about things that happened before he was born.

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One day a rookie was taking a soup kettle to the army camp. The policeman who was watching him said, "Give me some of that." The rookie obeyed. Soon the policeman said, "Do you call that soup?" The rookie replied, "No, it's dishwater."

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Once the teacher asked Bobby if he had four of his fingers cut off, what would he have then?
Bobby said, "No music lessons."

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It was Jimmy's first day at the barber shop. When asked how he wanted his hair cut, Jimmy said, "Like dady's with a hole in the top."

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After a thirty mile hike the major said. "All who don't want to go another 30 miles, step forward 30 steps. All stepped forward except a powerful six footer. The major said, "Do you want to go 30 miles?"
He said, "No I'm just too tired to walk those 30 steps."

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FOUR THINGS

Four things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true;
To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellowmen sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and heaven securely.

—Henry Van Dyke

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BOLD ABE LINCOLN

In the days of old
Lived a man true and bold
Who braved the wind and cold
So the story is told.

—Constance Martin—3-A

ESKIMO RIDDLES

1. I wear a fur coat.
I have a hood.
My baby is carried in my hood.
Who am I?
—Jean Powell—7yrs.—2-A

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2. It is made of stone.
It gives the Eskimos light.
What is it?
—Miriam Abraham—7yrs.—2-A

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3. The Eskimos harpoon me.
I sleep on a cake of ice.
When I am killed Eskimos have a feast.
What am I?
—Tony Mason—7yrs.—2-A

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4. I can run very fast.
I have horns.
The Eskimos hunt for me.
They like to eat me.
What am I?
—Eloise Larkins—7yrs.—2-A

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5. I am a person.
I wear two fur suits.
I must hunt for my food.
Who am I?
—Thomas Glover—7yrs.—2-A

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6. I am an animal.
Eskimos kill me.
They bring me home.
They eat me raw.
What am I?
—Nathaniel Garlington-7yrs.-2-A

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7. I am very large.
I live in the water.
I can turn over a large ship.
Eskimos hunt for me.
They like to eat me.
They use my oil in their lamps.
What am I?
—Eloise Larkins—7yrs.—2-A

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THE LONESOME CHILD—JOAN

I am a lonesome child,
I am always alone,
That's why they call me little Joan.

—Leona Burrell, Grade 3

Buy Defense Stamps

We want to help our country,
So that it will be forever free!
We will keep on trying,
To keep the red white and blue flying.
Come on friends and join the clan,
Give America a helping hand!

Franciene Mallory
Vernice Hamlin
John Harris
Constance Martin
Jarrett Spruille
Anneslia Edmonds
Charles Robinson
Mary Ann Harris
Clarence Brown
Elsie Mae Mackay
Delores Young
Nathan Gundy
Mercedes Douglass
Delores McCray
(Mrs.) Bernice Quills

CLASS 3-A—ROOM 206

Honorable Mention

The following pupils in class 5-A have not been late or absent since school started in September:

Mary Mercer
Helen Newsome
Dorothy Tarrent
Vivian Gardner
Melvin Jackson
Lillie Mae Palmer
Edward Horton
Lois Staples
Peggy James
Anna Leatherburg
Alverta Masenburg

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Valetta Vaiden is one of the regular bank depositors in our school.

SAFETY JINGLES

1. When you see a gun,
   You better run.
2. Prevent fires,
   Inspect wires!
3. Be on the alert,
   To keep unhurt.
4. Watch your toys,
   Little girls and boys.

Class 3-A—Room 206

CONSERVATION

4-A—5-B
MRS. T. D. COX, Teacher

During our Science periods we have been studying about Conservation of National Forests. We have written letters to several companies for information on this topic. A large scrapbook of information on our unit has been made. Our museum has a number of things such as cocoa, cocoanuts, chewing gum, paper, boxes, wooden shoes, nuts, and a piece of twine to show the things that our forest gives us. Joseph Holley made a chart showing some products that we get from trees. We studied many pictures and information which told us how trees help us and how trees are destroyed by their enemies. We have decided to do all we can to help conserve our national forests.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

George Washington Carver has many things so fine,
That people love him all of the time.
Products made from sweet potatoes, peanuts, and clay,
Make us thankful for him day by day.

—Barbara Lowman, 4-B

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THE CAMEL

I can carry many things,
While looking for the oases green.
There I'll rest and eat all day,
And wish that I could always stay.

—Norma Jenkins

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THE NOMADS

When we go to school each day,
We learn how nomads work and play,
Traveling here and traveling there,
Camels all of the articles bear.

—George Hatchett, 4-B

DO YOU KNOW?

1. That Benjamin Banneker was more fortunate than most Negroes of his time?
2. That he was never a slave?
3. That since he was not a slave he was able to attend school?
4. That when he was very young, with a pocket knife, some wood and other materials he made a clock?
5. That for twenty years his clock struck the hours without a mistake?
6. That he had never seen a clock in his life?
7. That what little he knew he got from an old watch?
8. That this was said to have been the only clock in America made entirely of American materials?
9. That at the age of sixty-one he completed his first almanac?
10. That it was eagerly sought by farmers throughout the world?

—Elaine Blackwell, 6A

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That the pupils of the 1B and 1A classes have composed a booklet of stories of "Our School." The stories were composed by the following pupils:

Lemuel James
Francis Mack
Sharon Heath
Gloria Carter
Doris Benson
Mrs. Hall

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That Harold Liggins of Miss Smith's 2B class made 100 per cent in the arithmetic test, both computation and problem solving? If you should come to Room 107 you will find Harold's picture as a reward for this fine work.

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That Tommy Mason modeled, baked and painted an Indian clay bowl at home?

That all Indians did not look alike?

That the Iroquois made bread from acorns?

That Pueblo Indians did not eat fish?

That some Indians used a rabbit's foot for a paint brush?

That the Sioux Indians used dyes made from earth, stems, bark, roots and berries?

That the Indians of today live very much like you do?

That the Indians of today are good citizens of our country?

—Class 2A1
(Miss T. A. Langley

RIDDLES

I look like an onion, but you would rather look at me than eat me. What am I?
ANS.—A bulb.
—Gloria Masenburg—4-A

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I am high mountainous northland by the sea. Who am I.
ANS.—Norway.
—Freda Alston—4-A

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I am a big star. I am made up of many gases. I give heat, light, and energy. Who am I?
ANS.—The sun.
—Shirley Newton—4-A

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People call ce, "The Ship of the Desert." Who am I?
ANS.—The Camel.
—Louise Bruce

* *

What makes a king and a book alike?
ANS.—They both have pages.
—Louise Bruce

* *

I am called the "Greatest King of the Franks? Who am I?
ANS.—Charlemagne.
—Thalia Mallory

THE STARS

The stars are bright,
In the firmaments above,
Which acts as a cover
To the ones they love.

—Gloria Short, 5-B

Negro History Week

Every year, in February, we celebrate Negro History Week. This is to keep before our race the outstanding achievements of our forefathers.

On February 13, 1942, Class 4-B had a program reviewing many of the facts that were learned during the week. Mrs. Derry, Mrs. Quille and her class were invited.

Onr first number was "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder". Thelma Baytops played for us.

Interesting compositions had been written during the week. We selected those of Norma Jenkins, Majorie Alexander, Elizabeth Palmer, Sandra Koger, and Vernell Coasey as the best. These were read.

Each of these boys gave his "Believe It or Not": George Johnson, George Hatchett, Wesley Payne, Stanley Walker, Robert Franklin and William Streets.

The poem "In the Morning" by Paul Lawrence Dunbar was dramatized by Sandra Koger, Maurice Williams, and Barbara Chaffin. This was done so well that everyone enjoyed it immensely.

Original poems were read by Barbara Lowman, Norma Jenkins, and Sandra Koger. John Johnson, Maurice Williams, and Alan Blackwell recited a poem "Henry Highland Garnet". which had been written by the teacher, Another original poem, "Sojourner Truth", written by the teacher, was recited by Vernell Coasey, Delores Edwards, Theresa White, Cornelia Smith, Gloria Bridges, Minnie Johnson, Mary Lloyd, Mary Harris, and Daphne was read by Bettye Harris. Juani- read by Bettye Harris. Juanita Keene and Barbara Lowman sang "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot".

Thelma Baytos and Delores Edwards read their letters. Barbara Lowman read some "Do You Knows" about Henry Highland Garnet.

Vernon Howard, our little artist, had drawn two large pictures. One showed Booker T. Washington, at the age of three, carrying water to the men in the fields. The other showed Benjamin Banneker with his violin. These were very well done.

Elwood Agent is gifted in being able to construct things. He built our log cabin.

These boys made our three charts exhibiting products made by George Washington Carver from the peanut, sweet potato, and clay: Wiliam Cotton, George Gaines, John Hamlin, Samuel James, Malcar Waters, and James Brown.

Mrs. Quille's class sang for us. Everyone enjoyed the selection.

We were so glad to have had Mrs. Derry, Mrs. Quille and her class to visit us on that day.

Bettye Harris made a splendid mistress of ceremonies.

MRS. WOOTEN. Teacher.

Outstanding Negroes

PHILLIS WHEATLEY

Phillis Wheatley was stolen from her home in Africa. She was sold as a slave to a family in Boston who gave her their name of Wheatley.

Phillis Wheatley died at thirty after writing many wonderful poems. She wrote one poem about George Washington.

Her poems are too hard for children to read, but when we grow older we can enjoy them.

—Maxine Hope Tolbert—3-A

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PAUL LAWRENCE DUNBAR

Paul Lawrence Dunbar was born in Dayton, Ohio in 1872. He attended shcool and graduated at an early age. He loved poetry and wrote a number of poems for boys and girls.

Paul's first book was called "Oak and Ivy".

—Elaine Russell—Class 3-A

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PAUL LAWRENCE DUNBAR

Paul Lawrence Dunbar wrote many beautiful poems. "In the Morning" is one of the poems he wrote. Everyone likes to hear the poems of Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

—Geraldine Jones

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MARION ANDERSON

Marion Anderson is a great singer. She came from Philadelphia. She has given concerts all over the United States. We are very proud of her.

—George Augins

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JOE LOUIS

Joe Louis is a great fighter. Our race is very proud of what Joe Louis has done. He is the heavy weight champion of the world.

—Ronald Dawson

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FREDRICK DOUGLASS

Frederick Douglass was born in Maryland in 1817. He was a great speaker and worked hard against slavery. He died in 1895.

—Shirley Lottier

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GEORGE W. CARVER

One of the greatest scientists is George Washingeon Carver. He discovered many products from the sweet potato and the peanut. He is loved by everyone.

—John H.

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BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

Booker T. Washington wanted very much to go to school. His parents were poor and could not send him. He worked and worked until he could go. He became one of our greatest educators.

—Letitia Clough

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JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

James Weldon Johnson was a colored poet. He wrote the words to "Lift Every Voice and Sing". We sing it in school often.

He died a few years ago.

—William Bull

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Be as pretty as you are
But when you see a car
Obey the traffic signals right
Then you will always see the light

—DuBois Williams—4-A

Honorable Mention Boosting the Defense Program

The following children from Room No. 207 buy from 1 to 10 Defense Stamps every week:

Juanita Barton
Shirley Lottier
William Bulle
Reginald Watkins
Letitia Clough
George Newman
George Douglass
Gladys Jones
Catherine Brice
Reginald Richardson
James Harris
George Augins
Veralyne Mosely
Perene Britain
Ronald Dowson
Ellen Lemmons
Anne Brown
Queen Winder

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VERALYNE MOSELY was awarded $1.00's worth of Defense Stamps for her part in the naming of our school paper.

—M. F. ROSS., Teacher

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The following 5-A students are to be congratulated on their purchase of Defense Stamps.

Peggy James, $2.00.
Clarke Dyer, $2.00.
Constance Smith, $2.40.

4-A-5-B Purchasers:

Holley Ross
Bertha Smith
Mary Waddell
Lucille Reed
Fred Tate
Dorothy White
Elizabeth Barton
John Dorsey
Doris Figgs
Lois Ross
Jarvis Tildon
David Garlington
Earl Hayes
Charles Peter
Shirley Sneed
Donald Waters

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS AND DEFENSE BONDS

A TRIP TO THE MOVIES

On April 10, several members of the 6B class made a visit to the movies. Although the picture was not connected with any of the school work, the class went for the enjoyment of being together. The picture that was seen was "Louisiana Purchase." Those who attended were:

1. Alice and Mildred Donaway
2. Ida Wallace
3. Estelle Booker
4. Hortense Washington
5. Joyce Jones
6. Annabelle Adams
7. Sandra Shepperd
8. Charles Robinson
9. Carol Lewis
10. Du Bois Williams
11. Cecelia and Sophie Williams
12. Howard Nelson
13. Lorraine and Reginald Richardson
14. Martha Simms
15. Robert Finney
16. Walter McCalip
17. Lincoln Lancey
18. Solomon Rose
19. Betty Booze

Miss Pauline Wilson, Teacher

AIR RAID PROGRAM

On March 19, Class 6-B rendered a program during the air raid drill. The boys and girls were led in prayer by Eunice Hanks after which Shirley Roche Douglass led the pledge to the flag. Charles Robinson sang for us "The Marine Hymn" which was followed by a recitation from the choral speaking group. In this group were Cecelia Williams, Shirley Douglas, Alice Donoway, Hortense Washington, Melvin Kenney and Reginald Tabb. They recited "The Flag Goes By." Cecelia Williams, Carol Lewis, Alice Donoway, Roosevelt Williams, Solomon Rose and Luther Brown then sang a canon which was called "Our Flag." The program ended after Lorraine Richardson told us how each boy and girl could help to win the war.

Miss Pauline Wilson, Teacher

CLASS 1-C, 1-B—Room No. 101

The 1-B children in Room No. 101 made interesting February Booklets. They decorated the covers and illustrated stories about George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and St. Valentine.

The 1-B, 1-C children in Room No. 101 have brought money to buy scrapbooks. In the scrapbooks they will put their best seatwork and stories. Due to the war, it was impossible to get the size we wanted. However, the dealer promised to order some for us.

We wish to thank the parents again for sending the money.

MRS. ADAMS, Teacher.

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4-A—MRS. R. J. RAWLINGS, Teacher.

HONOR ROLL PUPILS

Gloria Masenburg
Louise Bruce
Thalia Mallory
Douglass Shepperd
Dubois Williams
Shirley Newton
Judith Slater

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Charles Jackson
Joseph Jones
Clarke Mallory
Spencer Moore
Douglass Shepperd

4-A-5-B—MRS. T. D. COX, Teacher.

BANK DEPOSITORS

Ellsworth Marshall
JosephCoates
Geneva Craig
Shirley Sneed
Dorothy White
John Dorsey
Alvin Fitts
David Garlington
James Tildon
Donald Waters
Alice Norwood
Charles Peters
Holley Ross
Wemple Tucker

BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy White—February 5
Geneva Craig—March 27

MAKING A CLOCK

Our forefathers made the lock,
Benjamin Banneker invented the clock.
He had many things to do,
But this clock struck the hour, too.

—Norma Jenkins, 4-B

PHYLLIS WHEATLEY

Phyllis Wheatley lived with a rich family in Boston. She wrote many beautiful poems. Phillis Wheatley died in 1785.

—Delores Waites

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4-A—5-B—MRS. T. D. COX, Teacher.

ATTENDANCE

The following classes deserve special mention because of the high per centage of attendance. Is your class listed? If not, are you partly responsible by having stayed out of school? You can do your part to help your class make a good showing in its attendance record by coming to school *every day.*

97 Per Cent
Mrs. Marion Ross—3B, 3A

91 Per Cent
Mrs. Bernice Quille—3B, 3A
Mrs. Rosalie J. Rawlings—4B
Mrs. Thelma Cox—4A
Miss Pauline L. Wilson 6B

90 Per Cent
Mrs. Gladys Hall—1A

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A LITTLE BOY'S GIFT

Oh, dear little Jesus
So kind and sweet—
With a heart full of love
I kneel at your feet.
I have some nice play-things—
A drum and a toy
I should like to give
To a dear little boy.
But you don't have play-things
In heaven above
So, dear baby Jesus
I give you my love.

—Hoe Cecil

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What resembles a half cheese most?

ANS.—The other half.

—Joyce Jones—6-B

2-A—T. A. LANGLEY, Teacher

GOOD MANNERS

The following children were selected by the class for their very excellent manners at all times:

Audrey Scribner
Anna Imes
Jean Powell
Damon Mills
Louis Lucas
Miriam Abraham
Jimmy McNeil
Harry McNeil

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4-A-5-B—MRS. T. D. COX, Teacher.

Our Artists:

JosephRoss
May Talbot
John Dorsey
Alvin Fitts
Fred Foster
Leroy Nance
Hugh Smith

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ABE LINCOLN

Abe Lincoln had a good mind;
He was brave, true and kind.
First a clerk, then a lawyer
Then the President loyal.

—Thomas Baynham—3-A

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THE AIRPLANES

The airplanes fly
Up so high
Like birds in the sky

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THE BARBARY PIRATES

The Barbary pirates were very bad men —
In every battle they would win.
The United States was troubled very much —
They wanted to get rid of such.
At last Tripoli declared war
She had a very poor reason to fight for —
The Barbary pirates did not win.
Therefore, the United States got rid of them.

—Carol Jean Lewis

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What would you do to keep a fish from smelling?

ANS.—Cut off its nose.

—Cecelia Williams-6-B

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THE GATE CITY DAY NURSERY ASSOCIATION

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

HERNDON DAY NURSERY
539 STONEWALL STREET, S. W.

ELIZABETH BURCH DAY NURSERY
166 PORT STREET, N. E.

459 Tatnall St., SW,
June 17, 1942

Social Menu

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta, University,
Atlanta, Ga.

18-49-23

My dear Dr. DuBois:

What is now the Gate City Day Nursery Association was founded in 1905 as the result of a study of the Negro Home in Atlanta at one of the conferences conducted by you at Atlanta University in those days.

On Thursday night of this week (tomorrow) we are having some special exercises in connection with the opening of a new unit at the Herndon Day Nursery, 539 Stonewall Street, SW. They take place at 7:30 and will not last more than an hour and a half - in plenty of time for the Boulé.

It would give us especial pleasure to have you attend these exercises and this comes to extend to you an invitation to do so. I have waited until today to send this so that it would not have chance to slip your mind.

Very sincerely yours,
Claudia White Harreld
Mrs. Kemper Harreld,
Chairman of Board

[GATE CITY DAY NURSERY]

23 June 1942

AC-64-81

My dear Mrs. Harreld:

I should liked to have attended the meeting of the Gate City Day Nursery Association last Thursday but the notice was a bit too late. I am glad to know that the work still goes on. I trust, however, that in your records there is going to be no question but that the kindergarten movement of colored Atlanta was started by Gertrude Ware.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Kemper Harreld
459 Tatnall Street Southwest
Atlanta

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January 13, 1942

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

97-83-81

Your recommendation of Miss Diggs for a General Education Board fellowship has been given very careful consideration. I regret to report that the officers have not found it possible to act favorably on your proposal.

I am very sorry indeed to have to send you this disappointing reply, and I hope that some means may be found from other sources to enable Miss Diggs to go forward with her studies.

Sincerely yours,

Flora M. Rhind

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

FMR:sns

[GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD]

6 February 1942

My dear Mr. Davis:

You of course know that Atlanta University was really begun in Atlanta in 1866 and the first meeting of the board of trustees held October 22, 1867 thus in 1942 the institution is seventy-five years old. It has seemed to many of us that a celebration of this seventy-fifth anniversary ought to have been made a major event of the year but I understand that practically nothing is going to be done except possibly a university convocation. Of course I may be wrong in this but certainly there are no signs of any projected celebration while Morehouse and Talladega are making considerable effort.

18-48-17

Atlanta University has been an unique institution and the memory of its founding and function ought not to be lost. The board of editors of PHYLON propose, therefore, that the issue for the second quarter which will be published on or about April fifteenth should be a memorial volume to the seventy-fifth anniversary of this institution. We have tried to get some funds from the administration to help finance this but have been so far unsuccessful. We have begun our third year of publication and have paid all debts and lived within the university appropriation of two thousand dollars per annum.

I am now writing again to your board to ask if we could not get an appropriation of five hundred dollars to pay for the enlargement of our April number from our usual one hundred pages to at least one hundred-fifty pages. With this amount we could include new line drawings of the five dead presidents, two or three articles evaluating the work of Atlanta University, one of which I propose to write myself, and various contributions illustrating the kind of scientific and social work which graduates and teachers in the university have been doing. I think in this way we could make a contribution to educational history in the United States which would not be forgotten.

I write to ask if there is any chance of our securing such a contribution.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Jackson Davis
New York City

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Phylon - Request for financial aid

February 10, 1942

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have read your letter of February 6th with much interest. I should think that Atlanta University would have as much, if not more, right to celebrate the 75th Anniversary as Morehouse and Talladega, but such arrangements must now be considered in the light of our war effort. To my mind, Atlanta University represents one of the most significant developments in higher education.

18-48-15

I have discussed with my associates your inquiry as to a contribution of $500 to enable you to feature this occasion in a forthcoming issue of Phylon. I regret to say that while the officers are all deeply interested in this proposal and would like to encourage it, it does not seem to be appropriate for the General Education Board to undertake to assist universities in celebrations of this kind. This has always been the attitude of the Board in considering such proposals.

I am hoping to be at Atlanta for a part of the Morehouse celebration on February 17th, and I trust I may have the pleasure of seeing you.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jackson Davis

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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May 5, 1942

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

The current issue of Phylon devoted mainly to the historical development of Atlanta University and an interpretation of its mission and opportunity has interested me very much. Your impressionistic retrospect and forecast entitled the "Postscript" is beautifully expressed and moves on to a climax as a piece of music. The changes, the difficult adjustments, the cross currents of alumni loyalties of the separate institutions finally merge into a larger unity of a great institution with combined strength to serve a great region. It must be a satisfaction to you, as it is to me, to see your prophecy in process of fulfillment.

18-48-81 63-84-39

Very sincerely yours,

Jackson Davis

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

JD:BRB

8 May 1942

My dear Mr. Davis:

I deeply appreciate your letter of May fifth. When PHYLON receives letters of commendation, we often quote them. I hope you will have no objection if we quote from this letter.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Jackson Davis
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York City

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May 18, 1942

LD-84-81

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have your note of May the 8th. If my letter will be useful to you, I have no objection to your quoting it.

Kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Jackson Davis

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

JD:LG

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[JAN. 16, 1942?]

16 January 1941

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My dear Madam:

I should, of course, be glad to help you but I have no way of finding missing persons in Atlanta. I would advise your trying by writing to the editor of the

Atlanta Daily World
210 Auburn Avenue Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Nora Gowans
575 Macon Street
Brooklyn, New York

16 January 1942

18-36-20

My dear Shirley:

Of course there is no point in trying to get anything articulate out of you these days but I hope you are having an interesting time and I know you are. If you can get a good and striking snapshot which has not been too widely publicized, sent it to me for PHYLON.

With every wish for the best luck.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Shirley Graham
USO
Fort Huachuca
Arizona

[GRAHAM]

UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS USO FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE, INC.

MEMBER AGENCY—THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

January 25, 1942

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

Under separate cover, I have just mailed you copies of our U.S.O. Journal "Sage and Sand", written and edited by our soldiers here. I know you'll be interested. Now, that so many of them have moved up nearer "the front" - wherever that may be - we expect to widen the radius of content.

Before this week has ended, I shall mail you an article, with pictures. Last night, as I lay far into the night, unable to sleep I suddenly realized that my own salvation demands that I do write. In these past few months - which seem like years - my own spirit has soared so far and wide, been so buffeted that its torn and shaken.

92-87-81

War! Before December 7th, this was a vital, vastly interesting, even exciting "job". Now, it has become a service into which is poured - <u>everything</u>.

Much that has happened down here on the Mexican bordor could not be published. We were in no way prepared. When the enemy struck Pearl Harbor, he was also ready to strike other places. You read of troops being rushed down to the west coast of Mexico. There were very vital reasons. For years back, Fort Huachuca has been the outpost guarding this lower bordor. I too, know the terror of waking in the night and hearing planes.

As a matter of fact, though, these things are not so terrifying as it is to see the faces of men change and harden - to feel the foundations which one has built so carefully, cut away; to know that the future which I and my sons have planned and worked for so diligently, is being blown away by shells which tear men's flesh! And every soldier here becomes my son - in uniform.

But, somewhere on the outside, or even nearby, there are strong spirits, unafraid, sure and wise. Through writing I can reach them and gain strength. All good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Shirley Graham

(GRAHAM)

USO

Fort Huachuca Hospital

February 5, 1942

Treasured Friend,

Nothing if not dramatic! I draw experiences like a magnet. So, here I am lying in luxury in the Officers Section of a Military Hospital! Because I, a woman and a civilian am not supposed to be here - Special order by the Colonel! To make a short story shorter: Wednesday morning I and another U.S.O. worker hopped

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into my car and sped lightly over the one hundred and five miles to Tucson. We were going to contact Marian Anderson and persuade her to come to the Fort. She was singing the next night at the University of Arizona. The Dean of Music there was in the conspiracy with us and was expecting us.

USO

I was rejoicing on having made the drive in record time (I've been taught to handle a car by army professionals and was rather proud of my driving) when just as I turned off the highway into 6th Avenue, a number of unpredictable things happened and I crashed into an immovable object - That is, it was immovable. I moved

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it! I remembered one of my teachers "In case of accident turn off ignition!". I turned it off and then slumped thankfully down. Thats the last thing I do remember until I came to in a hospital!

No bones broken, no cuts about the head — I was just mad clear through at having muffed things. But Marian Anderson was told about

USO

18-48-29

the accident and she held a long and comforting conversation over the phone with me - promising to schedule Fort Hood chaos for her return east. This is even better than her coming now, because she can then sing in our beautiful, big U.S.O. Building. I was brought back to the Fort Friday night and Monday started babbling around. There is so much to do.

Tuesday the doctor here declared that my knee demanded a slight operation. It was performed that afternoon, so here - as I said in the beginning - I am. Using up the paper and reading the magazines which we have distributed for the soldiers!

In the next room is a Major whom I have not seen, but heard. His vocabulary is illuminating!

USO

18-18-30

Every time a bell rings along my hall, an orderly pops his head in my door. They are determined that I get the best care.

Naturally, this is the worst possible time for me to be in bed. Our building is being dedicated February 15th. There are a million things to do. I spent a bad half hour on the table, but I feel fine now.

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I'm in excellent physical condition - Just a case now of the bones healing. If I could figure a way to manipulate my typewriter I could do that article here. Maybe I shall. Don't worry about me.

Sincerely

Shirley G.

26 February 1942

My dear Shirley:

I hope by this time you are out of the hospital and possibly in command of the regiment. Any time a member of the female sex, or anyone else in fact, thinks that after a month's tutelage she can drive a car, she is due a session in the hospital. I think you came out very well and I shall be only too glad to hear further of your recovery and to get something that I can publish in PHYLON.

18-48-31

Yours with love,

Miss Shirley Graham
USO
Fort Huachuca
Arizona

[GRAHAM]

UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS USO FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE, INC.

MEMBER AGENCY—THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

March 19, 1942

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

This subscription should have been sent in long ago. I've only been back a few days. Went out to California to recuperate from my accident. My leg has given me more trouble then anticipated. I can walk only with crutches. I'm definitely on the road to complete recovery, but I must confess that I'm rather wan and thin, decidedly on the "spiritualle" side. My wind-blown hardiness is wanting. In spite of my best intentions I make a very bad invalid. Since I'm chairman of this USO staff I know my hard working associates have had to put up with a good deal. I've called a staff meeting for this afternoon. I'm hoping that my thinking about it before hand I shan't snap everybody's head off. It does seem to me that "my people" are both slow and dumb!

18-48-32

According to the popular traditions now is the period when I should do some brilliant writing. Letters seem to be the most I can manage. There are so many demands from so many places - and I can do so little. For instances: Do you suppose there is any group at Atlanta University which might be interested in doing a little interracial work in Alaska? No, I'm not crazy. A young lieutenant up there acting as morale officer has interested a group of his soldiers in creating better understanding of the Negro. He sees as do many other intelligent people, the dangers threatening this country. He wants literature on the Negro. His own actually knowledge is very limited. His soldiers would like to correspond with young Negroes. He says this group consists of college men. The one book with which they seem to be familiar is "Native Son". It is my personal opinion that to people who do not know the Negro "Native Son" offers a very one-sided picture. I have suggested that they read your books, that they write A. Clayton Powell, Mary B. Bethume and - as an example of what young Negroes are reading - that they get hold of "The Pittsburah Courier". But, if any of your students would like to assist in this education have them write:

Lt. M.W. Foresman
5-R
Fort Greely, Alaska.

They need books badly.

Fort Huachuca is the last stopping place before our soldiers go into active combat. General McArthur is asking for colored troops and more colored troops! Our soldiers are now guarding most of the strategic positions along the west coast. And still they come and - go. USO directors are now being asked if they will go into foreign service. I hope this finds you well. Should you plan a trip west this spring be sure and include Fort Huachuca. Our Clubhouse here is a model.

Sincerely,

Shirley

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS · THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICE · THE SALVATION ARMY
THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS · THE JEWISH WELFARE BOARD · THE NATIONAL TRAVELERS AID ASSOCIATION

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Under separate cover am sending you our Soldier publication - "Sage + Sand".

[GRAHAM]

UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE, INC.

MEMBER AGENCY—THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

May 2, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am making a trip east in June. My son is graduating from High School in Richmond, Indiana, and although this may not be a matter of nation wide importance, it is important enough to his mother to cause her to leave these thirty thousand other mothers' sons and give a little attention and time to her own! We are at war and all our little human relations leap into sharp focus. I am so close to the army, in fact I am part of the army, and perhaps feel these things a little more keenly than the civilian.

18-48-33

Indiana is not so far from Georgia. I'd really like to be in Georgia the first week in June. A young Army "son" graduates from the Officers' Training School at Fort Benning, June 5th. He is one of the young college graduates whom I found on the verge of suicide when I arrived at Fort Huachuca. I sort of picked him up, dusted him off and set his feet along a firm road. Now, he is finishing his officer's course and coming out a Lieutenant. He's sortof adopted me. In the meanwhile there are now twenty-two young Negroes at Fort Benning from Fort Huachuca. Most of them would tell you I sent them there. I wish I could tell you what my life is like now. Only seeing you will give me that opportunity. The things which are most important and vital cannot be written. What you read in the Negro press merely skims the surface. I do want to get to Atlanta. In fact, I want to get to Washington. I can't however, make this an official USO trip. I'm wondering if you could arrange for me to speak in Atlanta or any nearby place so that I could get even part of my expenses. Transportation is sky high. Even my salary staggers under it. But, there are things I want to do, things only I can do - if I can make the proper contacts. The situation is almost desperate!

As you know, Fort Huachuca is headquarters for the 93rd Division - more then thirty thousand Negro troops. They are coming in now every day by convoy and train. At present we have only about twenty-five "lesser" officers (Negro). More are coming. Certain letters which I wrote Washington have caused me to be interviewed by high Army officials. Some people were afraid for me. But - - results are on the way!

Will you think this over and let me know at your earliest convenience? All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Shirley G

7 May 1942

My dear Shirley:

18-48-34

The regular school session will be closed by June but the summer session will be on. I am writing a strong letter to the Director of the Summer School asking him if he can find some funds to pay for a lecture. I don't know whether he can or not but I am sure he will do his best. If I can think of any other way to get you to come I shall do so as I should so much like to have you see us and for the students to see you.

I am glad to get some ideas of the boys. I have asked about them in several letters but no answer. So glad to hear of your work. Keep me posted as to your trip.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Shirley Graham
Fort Huachuca
Arizona

1 October 1942

Dear Shirley:

18-48-36

You are a pain in the neck and where are you and what are you doing. I understand that you were east and instead of looking me up first you didn't look me up at all. And finally, please rush me a note telling me confidentially whether the exposure of the gambling casino near your post is true. The BBE declared that prominent Chicago colored men were raising from fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars to promote gambling and prostitution in this institution; that T. K. Gibson had backed it, etc. If it is all untrue let me know; or again if there is any truth in it, tell me. Also incidentally tell me about yourself.

Yours with love,

Miss Shirley Graham
Fort Huachuca
Arizona

[SHIRLEY GRAHAM]

Shirley Graham

Hotel Theresa, 7th Avenue & 125th St.,
New York, New York,
October 30, 1942

18-94-87

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

Again I'm rushing to you for help and comfort! You'll understand so well when I say that I have not been able to stand silently by and observe the discrimination and injustices practiced against our soldiers by the very organization under which I was working. With the thirty thousand soldiers at Fort Huachuca at my back it seems that I did gradually become a threat to the complacency of U.S.O. and so, a few weeks ago they politely, but firmly decided to transfer me to a little industrial town in Oklahoma where my work would be "more definitely with women and girls!" The protests which poured in from Fort Huachuca from General Hall, Commander of the 93rd Division, Colonel Hardy, Commander of the Post down to the letter signed by representatives from every company in the 93rd Division -only angered them. A great many things happened which would make interesting reading. But, it all boils down to this -

I need a job - at once!

With the army taking men from college faculties and all kind of important posts this ought not to be too difficult. But, it is urgent and so I must leave no stone unturned. Graham entered Oberlin this fall. I have not quite finished paying his first semester fees there; Robert is at the University of Indiana. Robert has a little job and so can share his load, but it is now quite certain that he will be going into the army at the close of this semester and it will break my heart if I do fail his needs now.

I should have thought of all this when I started this fight. In the final analysis white supremacy has us by the throat because the white man has the money. Yet, I'll be damned if I'm sorry! Yes, I'd do the same thing over again even had I thought!

Nothing can be done so far as the U.S.O. is concerned. I've applied to go overseas with the Red Cross. A request was put in there for me by General Hall, but I don't think that will work out. For it so happens that General Hall has also been given the ax! True, he was from Mississippi and I approached with great caution, but as commander of that 93rd Division I found him just, a true soldier, who, once convinced was fearless. He was slowly, but definitely bringing about changes at Fort Huachuca and where those Negro officers were concerned. And ten days ago Ira Lewis wired me that General Hall had been transferred to the 11th Corp and was being sent back to Chicago! Later I read of his "promotion" in the paper. Eventually, I'll hear from him myself. I know him too well not to know the truth.

And so, I need a job. Please drop a line to your friend Mrs. Alexander about me. She's out of the city right now, but I'm going to see her next week upon her return. Right now, I'll take any kind of job. I'm going to need money desperately within the next thirty days. Please do write me something here. I'm down, but still kicking!

Sincerely,

(over)

They need an English teacher, particularly for dramatics at Morgan College. I've applied. The semester had already started and they are uncertain what to do. A letter from you to Dr. Holmes might speed up matters. I'm in excellent standing there. I stopped over on my way from Washington and was given almost an ovation! The school has grown marvelously and seems very much alive.

The same need exists at Howard. A little pushing might land me there for the coming semester. However, I'd prefer Morgan between the two. My application is in both places as well as at Dillard University. I heard that Edmonds was leaving with an army commission. Thus things stand at the moment.

S.G. Shirley

[GRAHAM]

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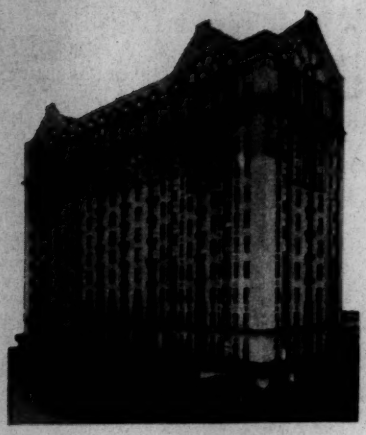

HOTEL THERESA

SEVENTH AVENUE
AT 125TH STREET
NEW YORK

November 5, 1942

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

Your letter of October 1st, received here in New York by me today - which will give you some idea of how USO mail is handled in Arizona! I left Fort Huachuca September 18th. Of course, there is no longer anything confidential about the matter you questioned. Anything I might say now from this distance may not be true. I do know that the amusement center is not yet opened. The moving of General Hall was a great blow to me - personally and I fear to the entire 93rd Division.

18-48-23
8-81

This week I went to work on a downtown magazine (white) which will sort of tide me over until a real position appears. Also, I am collaborating with someone else on a play - which has great promise - we hope. At any rate, I am now busy both night and day. I'm constantly chilled in New York. Am having all sorts of difficulties getting my trunk expressed from the Fort. I do hope it is finally on the way, but I doubt it. I do not have the proper clothes with me.

The magazine "Common Sense" is really very good. I'll mail you a copy in the morning. Wish there were some chance of making money here, but how few good things offer money! This letter is not quite so desperate as my last. I have found a very shaky and uncertain foothold over the yawning cavern!

Sincerely,

Shirley

5 November 1942

88-91-81

My dear Shirley:

I should like to hear the whole story of your odyssey to Arizona and back. I am not surprised that you could not affect a revolution there and that you are sorely disappointed but I am not sure but what your presence would still be better than your absence. As to that job I think it will be possible for you to land one just because of the scarcity of men. On the other hand you are of course a little late in applying. I would write to Morgan and to Howard.

I am glad at least to get some news of the boys. I asked in vain in my former letters. Let me keep in touch with you and get some coherent information after you get over being excited.

Yours with love,

Miss Shirley Graham
Hotel Theresa
New York City

[SHIRLEY GRAHAM]

November 9, 1942

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

Someday I'm going to write a play about myself and it will be the season's comedy hit! I did laugh when I read your note this morning. For one brief moment I saw myself through your very wise eyes and the picture was very funny. One impression, however, I must hasten to correct:

I did not leave Fort Huachuca of my own free will. I was literally torn away dispite the requests, pleas, and even threats of Generals, Commanding Colonels, USO Citizen Committees throughout the state and finally a petition signed by soldiers representing every company in the 93rd Division! The Y.W.C.A.-USO transferred me to Muskogee, Oklahoma (say that over with taps!) ~~When I~~ I wrote first asking if this transfer could not at least be delayed until the 93rd Division left - somewhere around the first of the year. The YWCA-USO refused. When I finally did have to say I was going such a furor arose that it shook the Empire State Building here in New York. The Commanding Colonel of Fort Huachuca, the Commanding General of the 93rd Division wired - wrote and radiographed everybody they could think of. All of which greatly angered my ladies at the YWCA-USO. They ordered me to come into New York for conference. When I got here they coolly informed me that the USO was not interested in some of my activities which were outside the recreational program of USO. They could not consider race problems, etc, etc. It seems that the F.S.A. man out there had written in that I was "using my position as a USO director to influence military and civic affairs" throughout the state. Which was perfectly true. . . . not so much as to the "USO position" but as to the influence. I had things so tied up inside the fort that every time this particular dirty little rat came along with his discriminatory program I was having him thrown off the reservation! Also, following a riot in Tucson (little space in the papers) when a soldier had been given life sentence I myself reached the General and influenced him to reopen the case and by military ruling had the soldier's sentence changed to ten years. I had been called in to sit on a court martial case within the Fort - - These are a few of my "unprecedent activities".

18-46-93

No, I didn't want to leave Fort Huachuca. I knew I was getting worthwhile things done out there. And I have cried brimy tears into my pillow many nights since I've been in New York. But, one must sometimes accept defeat - or, does one? (I don't as long as I can wiggle a toe!) The story is not finished. The Commanding Colonel is now threatening to close the USO out there. He says he wants no part of them. I've asked him not to do so. Even a little USO is better for the soldiers than none at all. The peculiar thing about the entire situation is that I have been wholly backed up by these two military authorities and only the crummy, hypocritical, religiously controlled USO got cold feet! Can you beat that? The General had me go to Washington about the whole matter. He was trying to get for me some sort of special commission through the Special Service Division. Now - the latest is that this Special Service branch of the army is being abolished and this particular General has been transferred to a desk job in Chicago, Illinois!

Just Saturday, however, I had a letter from a Captain now stationed in Alaska who said he had just written a letter to Chester Barnard, president of USO. Since I know this Captain very well (he's white) and am familiar with his particular brand of "cussing out" I shouldn't be surprised at anything which happens.

Meanwhile, I'm getting off some steam through "Commen Sense" - and its dynamic set up. Collaboration with Selden Rodman on his book "The Revolutionists" is definitely under way. You can read the excellent review copied from the New York Times in the copy of "Common Sense" which I sent you. The work as it stands is not stageable - so say all the Broadway producers. I'm doing a piece of craftsmenship and rewriting on it to make it so. We think we'll have a hit!

18-46-94

The rather grubby thought of "making a living" must occupy some of my attention. Were it not for the boys and their schooling I could practically forget that. But, the fact that they are getting along so well is an inspiration to me. A letter from Robert this morning tells me that after all he may be able to finish this year in school. Apparently the University of Indiana is as lukewarm as must institutions towards the entire war effort and if it can keep any of its good students it will do so - in spite of Congress! I realize this isn't a pretty situation, but I'm human enough to hope that Robert will have these next few months.

I realize I've been a frightful correspondent lately. I did think I'd probably see you this summer and I could tell you everything. Then I just made a quick trip back for Graham's high school graddation. The riot occurred and I hurried back.

Life with me seems a series of ups and downs. But, your little note this morning makes me realize that with it all I do have a "roaring" good time!

Lovingly,

Shirley

[GRAHAM]

Shirley Graham

Hotel Theresa
77th Avenue & 125th Street
New York, New York
November 30, 1942

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

Once before I borrowed some money from you and paid it back right on the minute - as promised. I mention that fact in the beginning, because despite all my efforts I'm forced to ask for another loan. My prospects are so dazzling that I could quite easily eat cheese and crackers around here until the "break" comes, but unfortunately they are not serving cheese and crackers at Oberlin and I must finish Graham's first tuition fees - at once. Robert isn't in any better shape at Indiana University except that he is working and can help himself out to some extend. I shan't bore you by saying that I'm pretty heart sick over the hold thing and that I'm working night and day. You'll believe that, anyhow.

L3-84-81

The play collaboration is finished and today two of the foremost producers in New York City are studying it. There is every bright prospect that one of them will take it. Not only that, but I have presented to an interested publisher enough of a short book which if he accepts for publication will do much towards settling my financial problems. I have taken and passed numerous civil service examinations. For one civil service position I am daily expecting a call to Washington for personal interview. All the preliminaries have been completed. I have applications for next semester at several of our colleges. Dr. Holms wrote me the other day. I have sold one magazine article and been assigned to write another.

So, you see I am not idle. But, this thing hit me so suddenly that I just couldn't be prepared to "hold on" indefinitely. I paid over six hundred dollars to the colleges for the two boys this fall. I had been preparing for it for a long time, but I had anticipated nothing like this happening. However, in the face of tremendous expenses here while doing all these things - almost in the nature of speculation - I have been able to maintain myself. So, I don't need so terribly much money even for the boys. I do need, however, desperately one hundred dollars. The boys simply cannot stop school right now and go to work. Robert is going to have to leave for the army at the end of this semester and he must finish this one.

Will you lend me one hundred dollars? The "right away" is what is most important. I should have had it by the first of December - or rather they should have had it by that time. I have every reason to believe that I'll be safely out of this hole in two or three months. Maybe, even sooner. You know how much I'll appreciate this. I can't go up and down Seventh Avenue trying to borrow money - even if I thought I could get it. I can't go to Richmond, Indiana and wait for somebody to send for me. I must be on the ground. I know you'll understand all of these things. If you can possibly spare it you know what it will mean. Please let me know.

Sincerely,

Shirley

[GRAHAM]

Hotel Theresa
New York, New York
December 3, 1942

My very good Friend,

You have broken the weights about my ankles and given me wings! Now, I am free! I kiss your hand.

"Common Sense" is sending me to Washington next week on a special assignment. I assure you I shall see everybody from the President on down on this matter of landing a job. I might land anything!

As a matter of fact, the magazine is trying to raise some additional funds in order to keep me on a permanent basis. That would be perfect - if they can. All sorts of fantastic possibilities are in the air. Now, I have time for some of them to light.

Devotedly,

Shirley Graham

10-48-38

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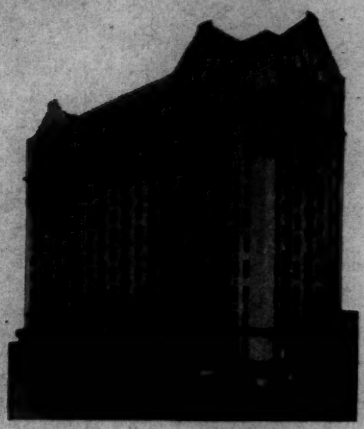

HOTEL THERESA

SEVENTH AVENUE
AT 125TH STREET
NEW YORK

December 26, 1942

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

I hope you have had a very Merry Christmas.

This is just a line to tell you that Julian Messner, Inc, Publishers are sending me to Tuskegee in January on a writing assignment. I plan to go about Jan. 8th (depending on trains). They tell me I can pass right through Atlanta. If convenient for you I'd love to stop over for an evening and tell you "everything".

72-87-81

Prospects are definitely looking up. January's "Common Sense" carries some of my writing. My little "masterpiece" however is coming out in February - entitled "The Negro and World War II". Believe me, that's an ambitious undertaking! Just turned it in this week after a trip to Washington for a final check-up. Have enough material for a book. It was an awful job trying to decide what not to say.

Been offered a two thousand dollar job by N.A.A.C.P. Would like to talk it over with you before accepting. Have time for consideration. Some other possibilities look better, however.

Been working right through the holidays, but that's perfectly all right. I'm ~~s~~ getting something done. We're all looking forward to a Happier New Year for our unhappy world. I shall purchase my ticket south next week when I'll be definite as to date.

Sincerely,

Shirley Graham

Reverend James Grant

1345 East Twenty First, Los Angeles, Calif.

January 8, 1942

Dr. William E. Burghardt Du Bois
Professor of Sociology
Atlanta University

Dear Sir:

For the past several years it has been the efforts of many leading educators and citizens in this state to institute a course in Negro History throughout our schools and colleges. Such attempts thus far have been unsuccessful . Recently however , the Wesley Methodist Club of the Los Angeles City College began a series of Survey lectures in Negro History in the hope of stimulating progressive action for the institution of such course in its curricula .

The source material that the lecturer has used for these lectures has been your book "Black Folk Then and Now " . The students have found this book of great value in their study of Negro History . As the lecturer in this course , I would greatly appreciate it if you could give me any further reference readings which would enlargen the course using your publication as the textbook.

I sincerely hope that we may become friends by correspondence , for I feel that any advice or suggestions that may come from you will lead to the success of our purpose.

I trust that I may hear from you as soon as possible,

Yours sincerely,

Reverend James Grant
Chapman College
Los Angeles, California

18-4/6-01

14 January 1942

My dear Sir:

I think the bibliographical references in my BLACK FOLK: THEN AND NOW ought to help you. In addition to that you should get a copy of the latest edition of Woodson, THE NEGRO IN OUR HISTORY.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Reverend James Grant
Champman College
Los Angeles, California

18-42-02

[GREAT BARRINGTON - MASS]

29 September 1942

My dear Sir:

18-59-30

Manuel F. Mason, Jr. of 3907 Vincennes Avenue, Apartment #3, Chicago, Illinois is personally known to me as a boy born in Great Barrington, the son of Manuel J. Mason and Emily Ann Mason. It seems that on his birth certificate his name has been recorded as Emanuel J. Mason. This I know to be a mistake. His father was Manuel, not Emanuel, and the son was named after him. I was born in Great Barrington and you will find my biography in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA. I am a graduate of the Great Barrington High School.

May I ask if this entry concerning Mason can be changed so that he can prove his eligibility to a pension?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

i. e. Manuel F., not J.

Town Clerk
Great Barrington
Massachusetts

5 November 1942

18-52-24

My dear Mr. Greenfield:

Thank you for your letter of October 5, about your Haitian photographs. I have put the matter before the Librarian of Atlanta University who conducts exhibits here from time to time and I hope you will hear from him soon.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Albert Greenfield
124 East 24th Street
New York City

20 January 1942

My dear Emma:

18-48-81

I have been moving around the world so fast lately and the world has been moving around me with equal velocity so that writing to my friends has been rather difficult although my secretary who has been taking dictation for a couple of hours would not agree with me. I went North At Christmas time and spent a week with the family and four days in New York where I did the theatres and movies as thoroughly as possible. I looked toward Boston but my pocketbook shook its head vigorously so I turned my face away. We have had a little severe weather here although only a flurry of snow and just now it is quite spring-like. It reminds me of the glory of Cuba. Everything is getting on pretty nicely. I have kept in good health and within sight of the straight and narrow way.

I am sorry to hear of Lovett's health. I hope it has improved. Once in a while, not often, I have longings to be a millionaire. Of course, you wouldn't dream of how I would spend my income.

This summer I plan to see Boston again but probably not before that. Give my best regards to Lovett and the children and my love to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Emma Groves
30 Peacevale Road
Dorchester, Massachusetts

May 10, 1942

[GLOVES]

30 Peacevale Road
Dorchester, Massachusetts

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Doctor, dear!.

I have been watching the approach of June with gleeful anticipation, but now, with the gasoline rationing and all, I'm beginning to wonder if you will have to change your plans. I hope not. Won't you drop me a note and set me straight? — If it isn't asking too much of you, to write more than once a year (meow)

Things have been moving along at no. 30 with the usual ups and downs. Right now all is serene. Margie's last exam. is May 23rd. She will

leave for home same day. She is hoping for a summer job. Did I tell you that Mason is making a good record at Northeastern? How I would like a nice long talk with you about the war. I cant get much from the papers. Dont understand half they say and dont believe the other half. One thing I do notice and that is the pronounced attitude of the colored people in this war as compared with the last war. The Bach-Bens met at Bert Goulds last night. I was helping Agnes serve and as I listened to the men discuss it dawned on me that in every group I have been with since the war began the conversation has been on the same subject. Did you see May 8th. P.M? It had quite a spread on the negro and the war. Why is the white press so concerned? What is it they fear?

Mity to me coon Lovingly Emma

23 June 1942

My dear Emma:

When I received your letter of May tenth, it looked possible for me to drop up to Boston to see you. I had to go to New York with expenses paid and then in addition to that I had a money order for one hundred dollars to pay my expenses again for speaking at the Madison Square Gardens for the release of Earl Browder. From their I could have dropped up to Boston a minute and looked the gang over. But I think the President got wind of it, so he released Browder pronto and I had to send back my money order. God works in a mysterious way his wonders to perform!

18-48-20

I am glad to hear that you are all well and if any wind-falls come my way this summer, I will drop up to Boston but what with the gas rationing it doesn't look probable. Still, cross your fingers and give my love to the family.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Emma Groves
30 Peacevale Road
Dorchester, Massachusetts

1 October 1942

12-84-21

My dear Emma:

I am back in harness and had a nice and leisurely trip down here. It is too bad to know about Ronald Wilson. It is a sad end to what might have been a fine career.

Let me know if Margie returns and thank Mason for the snapshot. I shall be glad to hear from you again.

With love to yourself and Lovett.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Emma Groves
30 Peacevale Road
Dorchester, Massachusetts

[GROVES]

October 18, 1942

30 Peacevale Road
Dorchester, Massachusetts

Dear Doctor:-

your kindness to Margie brought results. Howard gave her a work scholarship. She is typing in the Office of the school of pharmacy and gets almost all of her tuition. I just have to take care of her room, board, books etc. She likes her job and seems very happy about the whole thing — now if old

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just behaves herself all will be well. Mason is downcast because they have just turned down his application for the aviation reserve corps, on the ground that the colored applicants have to be ~~under~~ not over 5 feet nine inches and not over 160 lbs. He is sending in another application for the ground crew in aviation but I suppose the draft will get him first. All are well here. Thank you again for your kindness — and with love

Love Emma

6 November 1942

18-48-73

Dear Emma:

I am very glad to know that Margie is at Howard and I am sure she will not disappoint you. In the case of Mason, why not let him apply to the Tuskegee airport? I have been down there and it is a fine organization. Of course it is in the South the natural difficulties but if Mason gets into the air corps it will be only in a segregated Negro division and the division at Tuskegee is getting the very best training. I think he would be happy there. At any rate here is something to keep in mind.

My best regards to you and Lovett. I am well and have just come back from an interesting trip to Chicago.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Emma Groves
30 Peacevale Road
Dorchester, Massachusetts

[GROVES]

November 16, 1942

Emma Groves

Dear Doctor:

Your interest in the children is appreciated more than I can say. I have been so worried about both of them. Things seem to be smoothing out however. From Margie's letters, she seems to be acting sensibly. She has a new boy friend, and she likes her work. Her mid-quarter exams are just over and she thinks she has a feeling that she did well.

Mason was finally inducted into the army last week as a

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deferred student. I dont know how long the deferment will last, but every breathing spell is a help. He applied at first for aviation, but was rejected. They told him they had orders not to accept any colored applicants for aviation who were over 5 feet nine inches tall and over 160 lbs. He is 6 feet 1 inch and 178 lbs. as they didnt even look at his application then he applied for the ground crew and they told him he would have to be half thru college. He is just in the second year of a five year course. Since he is taking Electrical Engineering — am hopeful that they will let him finish the course before they call him.

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Mason thinks that the explanation for his rejection is that the colored aviation training fields have only small pursuit planes, and they dont accommodate large men as well. Since he couldnt get in aviation he would rather stay in school — and you know that pleases me. I trust everything is going well with you. Are you coming home for Xmas? Thank you again for your nice letter

Lovingly
Emma

My nephew "Bumps" was accepted for aviation.

10 December 1942

18-48-12

My dear Sir:

I regret to be late in returning this reference concerning Dr. Kenneth W. Porter. I trust I am not too late. Enclosed is the outline of his project.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Henry Allen Moe
Guggenheim Memorial Foundation
551 Fifth Avenue
New York City

(Dear)

10 December 1942

I have only met Dr. Porter once so that personally I am not well acquainted with him; but I have had considerable correspondence with him and he has published two articles in PHYLON, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture, concerning which we have had considerable discussion and interchange of letters. I am greatly interested in his cultural study of the Seminole Indian. This is a part of the history of the Negro in America which has been neglect and slurred over in the past. Dr. Porter knows more about the subject than any living scholar and I should like to see him given a chance to follow his studies through. He seems to me well equip ed for the work and very earnest and sympathetic in his methods of study.

W. E. B. Du Bois

(over)

[Hampton Institute]

HAMPTON INSTITUTE
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF INSTRUCTION

Via Air Mail

Lectures

January 5, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Dubois:

We are very much interested in having you visit Hampton Insitute and lecture some time during this year. We have available January 21, 1942 or some time during Negro History Week which I think is scheduled for February 15 through 20, 1942. Please let us know whether or not you can spend a day with us.

18-55-101

We shall write you more specifically when you have indicated whether or not it will be possible for you to visit Hampton and what dates are most convenient.

Very truly yours,

R. O. Lanier

R. O. Lanier
Dean of Instruction

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[JAN. 9, 1942]

9 January 1941

18-55-102

My dear Mr. Lanier:

I could not come to Hampton January twenty-first but I could arrange to come during Negro History Week. I shall have to find out the exact time and date and let you know later. I thank you for the invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. R. O. Lanier
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

HAMPTON INSTITUTE
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF INSTRUCTION

January 13, 1942

Lectures

Via Air Mail

18-55-103

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Thank you for your letter of January 9.

Would it be possible to be with us on either Tuesday, February 10, or Friday, February 13, to speak for our Negro History Week Program?

We are looking forward with great anticipation to your visit.

If neither of these dates fit into your schedule please give us a choice of dates when we might have you for a general school lecture.

Very truly yours,

R. O'Hara Lanier

R. O'Hara Lanier
Dean of Instruction

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16 January 1942

18-55-104

My dear Mr. Lanier:

I can speak at Hampton Friday, February thirteenth but President McLean is planning sometime in the near future a meeting of a small committee of the Land-Grant Colleges of which I am a member. If he should want to set that meeting on or near February thirteenth it would be all right. If he would prefer to have it on some other date, perhaps I had better postpone my lecture until that date. You had better consult him.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. R. O'Hara Lanier
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

18-55-105

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January 27, 1942

18-55-67

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

This will confirm our telegram of January 26, in which we are asking if you can lecture to us Friday, February13, at 8:00 P. M.

It does not appear certain just when Dr. MacLean will be able to call the meeting with the other members.

Our students and faculty are very anxious to have you here during Negro History Week.

Very truly yours,

R. O'Hara Lanier

R. O'Hara Lanier
Dean of Instruction

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2 February 1942

18-55-68

My dear Dean Lanier:

What subject do you wish me to treat in my lecture February thirteenth?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dean R. O'Hara Lanier
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

HAMPTON INSTITUTE
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF INSTRUCTION

February 6, 1942

Air Mail

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-45-52

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The theme of Negro History Week will be "Know the Negro", and the Committee is interested in knowing how the Negro might shape his life, so suggest your telling us "The Greatest Need of the American Negro Today".

These suggestions might help you in the presentation you will make to us on February 13.

We are looking forward to your visit.

Sincerely,

R. O'Hara Lanier

R. O'Hara Lanier
Dean of Instruction

ROL:W

7 February 1942

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My dear Mr. Lanier:

I think the subject which you have outlined is a little too vague and general to suit me. I should prefer, therefore, to have it read THE DEMAND FOR SCHOLARSHIP AMONG AMERICAN NEGROES.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. R. O'Hara Lanier
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

[HAMPTON INS]

18 February 1942

18-60-22

My dear President and Mrs. McLean:

May I thank you for myself and Miss Diggs for your kind hospitality while we were at Hampton. I thoroughly enjoyed the visit and was only sorry that I could spend so little time at this most interesting institution in the midst of its critical metamorphosis. I hope you will look in upon us at Atlanta when you come this way.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President and Mrs. Malcolm S. McLean
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

HAMPTON INSTITUTE
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 28, 1942

18-45-39

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

It was grand to have you here and you are welcome any time you can come. I hope on your next trip we may have more time together. There is much I should like to thrash out with you hip to haunch. I think you are a grand guy and you did us a fine service with your speech and your presence.

Yours cordially,

Malcolm S. MacLean

Malcolm S. MacLean
President

MSM:GRA

19 November 1942

My dear Mr. Lanier:

83-54-81

Enclosed is a copy of the essential parts of my speech and the actions of the Land Grant Colleges with regard to the proposed cooperative social studies. You have all of this and more in your files because we have sent you everything as action has been taken. But in case you cannot find the other matter, this will help you out.

I was very glad to see you a moment on your visit here.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. R. O'Hara Lanier
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

24 September 1942

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me five copies of DUSK OF DAWN with author's discount? I enclose my check for $9.17.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Washington, D.C.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Request for recommendation

Dear Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,

On many occasions I have used your name as a reference and you have never failed to comply with my numerous requests. I wish at this time to express my appreciation for your kind consideration. It may interest you to know that I have appointed as a Junior Plan Reviewer on the staff of the Social Security Board.

I shall do all in my power to fulfill all the duties of my new position and to keep the faith that my friends have vested in me. Without this confidence this opportunity would not have been possible. This finds me very thankful for the people who have touched my life and thankful to God who have made these things and who can make all things as he so desires.

Very Sincerely Yours
Thelma Harris

18-53-50

Ans Aug 4

4734 Blaine St, NE
Washington, D.C.
July 21, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Request for Recommendation

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

I came to Washington in February on a Civil Service appointment. While here I am attempting to further my education and I have made application to the National Catholic School of Social Work. Applications to this school far exceed the capacity and elimination is a natural policy.

There are two factors against me first I am a non-Catholic and second, I am a Negro.

18-53-57

so I beseech you to write
for me a letter of recommendation
I am certain that a letter
of this sort will aid me
considerably. Applications
are to be considered the
latter part of July. all
such matter should be
addressed to:

18-53-58

Rev Lucian Lamerman
2400 19th St N.W.
Washington, D.C.

I would appreciate
any aid you would
give me in this matter.

Respectfully,
Thelma Harris

[August 10, 1942]

Ans Aug 15

4734 Blaine St, NE
Washington, D.C.
August 10, 1941

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Du Bois Cottage
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland.

18-31-40

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

I received your letter of august 4, 1942. I called Rev Lucian Lamerman, Director of the National Catholic School of Social Work. He stated that applecations would be considered during the week of Aug 10 and recommendations received during this week would be of aid to me.

With this in mind I beseech you to write a letter of reference in my behalf to Rev. Lucian Lamerman.

I thank you for your kind consideration and I shall inform you as to the final outcome of the matter.

Respectfully,
Thelma Harris

18-31-41

Request for recommendation

4734 Blaine St. NE.
Washington, D.C.
Aug. 21, 1942

18-53-54

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Dr. DuBois,

I received a letter from Rev. Lucian Lamerman, Director of the National Catholic School of Social Work. It informed me that I had been accepted as a student for this fall semester.

I thank you for your personal effort to aid me. I am looking forward to a profitable school year.

Very sincerely yours,

Thelma Harris

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Executive Secretary

Young Women's Christian Association

BRANCH—500 EIGHTH AVENUE, NORTH

Birmingham, Alabama

August 21, 1942

18-53-52

Dr. W.E.B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Dubois:

How were the students in the Sociology department this year? I am sorry I was n't one because I would like to have completed my work for the Masters degree in Sociology. I have been very busy with junior activities at the Branch Y.W.C.A. in Birmingham.

On several occasions this year I visited Atlanta; the next time I hope that I may be able to come to your office and talk with you. I would have stopped in Atlanta on returning from my vacation but I was not sure if you were in your office this summer. If I could have contacted you I was interested in discussing with you my future in Sociology or some related field; also I wanted to give you a reference blank given me by Mrs. Katherine Beppler of the Y.W.C.A. National Board in New York city. Mrs. Beppler is Personnel chairman at National Board. In an interview with her she stated that she had all of my references except those of my work at Atlanta University.

Enclosed you will find a reference blank. Please be generous in your testimonial of my character. Though at present I am still at the Eighth Avenue Branch Y.W.C.A. in Birmingham what you say, plus the kind things that others have said, will be of great influence to my advancement in the future.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,
Mae Levert Harrison
Mae Levert Harrison

1 October 1942

18-53-53

My dear Miss Harrison:

I am sorry to be so late answering your letter of August 21, but it found me on vacation and I have just had a chance to get to it. Our graduate school, of course, is cut down very much by war conditions. We have three graduate students in sociology and an under-graduate course in African and American anthropology of eight or nine.

I shall be glad to have you call at the office any time you are in Atlanta.

I am filling out the blank and sending it to the Personnel Bureau.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Mae Levert Harrison
YWCA
500 Eighth Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama

(over)

1 October 1942

Miss Mae Levert Harrison was a student in my graduate courses in sociol gy for a year. She gives the impression of being a person with a good deal of ability, rather reserve, but at the same time dignified. I should think she might be able to bear considerable responsibility in social work. But, of course, my observation of her was limited to this year of contact in classes.

W. E. B. Du Bois
Head, Department of Sociol gy
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[HARVARD CLUB]

Harvard College

DWIGHT P. ROBINSON
ST. DAVIDS
PENNSYLVANIA

November 17, 1942.

18-96-81

William Edward Burghardt Du Bois, Esq.,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Du Bois:

Will you please have a look at the enclosed pamphlet giving information about the Harvard Club of New York City? A new feature added during the last year is the Ladies Club Rooms, which have been enthusiastically received by the membership. You probably know about the general conveniences of the Club - bedrooms, restaurant, squash, pool, useful bathing and dressing facilities for men who are in New York for the day only, etc.

Now the point of this letter is that the Club has lost many members to the Services, has suffered thereby serious reduction in dues income (since downward adjustment of dues is allowed upon request of a member in Service), and wants more members. An inducement to new members coming in, or resigned members rejoining, is that all initiation fees and reinstatement fees have been waived until January 1, 1943.

I should like to stress two points about the Harvard Club of New York. First, it is the oldest and largest Harvard Club in the country, and is important to the University as a center where interest in Harvard is preserved. Second, as a social club, it continues to be an attractive place where graduates get good club facilities at minimum cost. It cannot do either job, and especially the second, unless older graduates continue to support it by paying the modest dues. Many in our generation who do not use the Club much now may, when younger, have taken advantage of its low cost service, which then as now was made possible by the continuing membership of older men.

If you resigned and want to be reinstated, or if you have never been a member and would like to join, please let me know and I will take the necessary steps at once.

Dues are listed on the last page of the brochure.

Sincerely,

Dwight P. Robinson

Enclosure

[HARVARD CLUB]

16 December 1942

66-914-81

My dear Sir:

Your letter of November seventeenth rather astonished me. I have been graduated from Harvard College over fifty years and this is the first time during that period that I have been asked to join a Harvard Club.

I have assumed that the reason for this reticence was that I am of Negro descent. Possibly, however, Harvard is learning something from this war for democracy and has changed her attitudes. If this is true, I shall be very glad to hear from you and to become a member of the Harvard Club of New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Dwight P. Robinson
St. Davids
Pennsylvania

Harvard College Class of 1890

18-60

In Memoriam

JULIUS WOLFF

December 3, 1869 - - - January 26, 1942

Survived by his wife
Mrs. Hilda Adler Wolff
1112 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Howard Corning, *Secretary*
8 Chestnut Street
Salem, Massachusetts

[HARVARD U NIV]

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

JEROME D. GREENE
SECRETARY TO THE CORPORATION
25 MASSACHUSETTS HALL

February 2, 1942

Dear Professor Du Bois,

Harvard University has been invited to be represented by a Delegate at the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary and Founders' Day Celebration at Morehouse College, February 13 to 18 inclusive. Unfortunately it is quite impracticable for President Conant or a member of the Faculty to go to Atlanta at the time of the Celebration, and I am venturing to ask whether you as an honored member of Harvard University would be willing to act as Delegate on this important occasion. I notice that you are to be a participant in the morning session on Monday, February 16, but I trust that the role of Delegate would not be incompatible with that of a speaker. As the programme covers six days, it would hardly be expected, I think, that a Delegate would attend more than one or two of the principal events. These would seem to be the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Dinner on Tuesday, February 17 at 8 p.m. at Spelman College Dining Hall, and the Founders' Day Exercises in the Sale Hall Chapel on Wednesday, February 18 at 8 p.m., apart from the Symposium on February 16.

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If you find it possible to accept this invitation, will you kindly so inform me by telegraph, collect? I should also be much obliged if you would communicate your appointment informally to the committee in charge of the Celebration. On receipt of your acceptance I shall notify the committee by formal letter, and I shall mail you your credentials as Harvard Delegate.

You will, of course, not hesitate to say if there are reasons why you would feel unable to accept the appointment, but I can assure you that your willingness to represent Harvard University would be most highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Jerome D. Greene

Professor William E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. Jerome D. Greene
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I SHOULD BE VERY GLAD TO REPRESENT HARVARD AT THE MOREHOUSE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

W. E. B. Du Bois

[HARVARD UNIV.]

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

JEROME D. GREENE
SECRETARY TO THE CORPORATION
25 MASSACHUSETTS HALL

February 4, 1942

18-60-3

Dear Professor Du Bois,

Thank you for your telegram accepting your appointment as Delegate of Harvard University at the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary and Founders' Day Celebration of Morehouse College, February 13-18. I have notified the Anniversary Committee of your appointment.

I enclose herewith your formal credentials which you can deposit, if an opportunity is provided for you to do so.

Thanking you for the service you have so generously undertaken, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jerome D. Greene

Professor William E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Harvard College Class of 1890

In Memoriam

BENJAMIN PIERCE CHENEY

April 8, 1866 - - - about June 5, 1942

Survived by his wife
Mrs. Ida Lewis Cheney
50 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

Howard Corning, *Secretary*
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Harvard College Class of 1890

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In Memoriam

ROBERT FREDERICK HERRICK

August 8, 1866 - - - October 13, 1942

Survived by his wife
Mrs. Margaret Perkins Herrick
25 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

Howard Corning, *Secretary*
8 Chestnut Street
Salem, Massachusetts

3 March 1942

18-60-20

My dear Gregory:

Will you please find out just what is the present valuation of the house and lot at 2302 Montebello Terrace not including the extra lot and also what the total annual tax is on the house and lot also not including the triangular lot. I shall be much obliged.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Gregory Hawkins
1210 Pennsylvania Avenue
Baltimore

6 November 1942

18-69-21

My dear Dr. Hawkins:

Enclosed is a letter for the caterer, Mr. Conway. Will you kindly address it and mail it for me. I do not know his address and therefore am burdening you with this errand.

I was sorry to hear that Gregory had gone to camp but we have to grin and bear a great many things these days.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Hawkins.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Mason R. Hawkins
1532 Druid Hill Avenue
Baltimore

(HAYES MEMORIAL)

THE HAYES MEMORIAL

FREMONT, OHIO

July 17, 1942

Request to write article

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

18-58-25

In our next Annual Report we are attempting a critique of the value of all literature published since September, 1941, which relates to American History from 1865 to 1900. The critique will not be based primarily on the merits of the work. Rather it will be an evaluation of its worth as a contribution to knowledge. The historical periodicals and other periodicals inquire into the competence of the author and his work. What we are interested in is: Do we learn anything new?

In the first place, that depends upon the author's ability as a writer. Some works are imbued more or less with creative genius. I think that this should be acknowledged by historians, as, for instance, in treating anything by Carl Sandburg. If a work is almost wholly a new creation of old historical materials, such as Sherwood's play about Abraham Lincoln, then that in itself is a contribution to our understanding of history.

Under the second large aspect of this problem, I would list five points, which relate to the vast majority of studies and writings. 1. Are there any new facts or series of facts not found in other works? Most contributions to historical periodicals fall into this category. 2. Is it an analysis from a new point of view or from a new idea or new slant which inspires new thinking? Turner's frontier thesis may be cited here. 3. Is it a reinterpretation or revision caused by the use of new data or the juxtaposition of data to make new relationships? Beard's Economic Interpretation of the Constitution is an example. 4. Is it a new synthesis or combination of studies which have been known but which have not been put together to give a new understanding of an era or portion of history? 5. Is it a good popularization which does not add any new facts or interpretation but makes it easier to read and understand the subject treated and expands historical knowledge among the masses?

In making this evaluation the books should be contrasted with earlier works.

Obviously we could not do this alone and we will depend on many authorities. If you have read or intend to read the following books before the first of September, would you kindly write a short paragraph of not more than 150 to 200 words on each of the following: Herskovitz, MYTH OF THE NEGRO PAST, Wright, 12 MILLION BLACK VOICES? We can lend you any of these works if you do not have them at hand. Each authority will be given due credit with any citation.

Sincerely yours,

Curtis W. Garrison

Curtis W. Garrison
Director of Research

CWG:prg

Ans July 25
MS Aug 17, 41

[HAYES MEMORIAL]

THE HAYES MEMORIAL

FREMONT, OHIO

July 28, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
DuBois Cottage
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

18-58-26

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you for your note of July 25th. The two books: Herskovitz, MYTH OF THE NEGRO PAST, and Wright, 12 MILLION BLACK VOICES, have been sent to you by parcel post. I appreciate your willingness to do this for our Report. I do not mean to cramp the evaluations and it may be impossible to properly assess the Herskovitz book within the word limit I suggested.

Sincerely yours,

Curtis W. Garrison

Curtis W. Garrison
Director of Research

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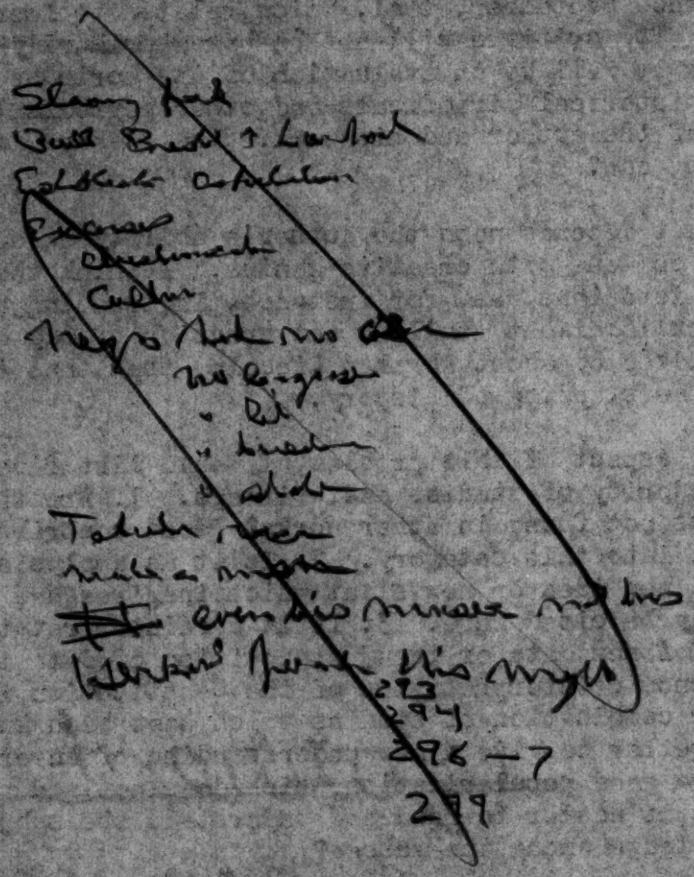

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October 9, 1942

Social Memo

18-49-44

Dear Dr. Du Bois.

Tonight I remember with an increasing understanding the dedication which you made to your granddaughter in one of your recent books; to wit,

"... your eyes may see the things of which I can only dream."

Being close to the thunders of war as well as the actions of men the dream of which you speak appears to take both form and direction. Yet, to the student, the form as well as the direction are so confused that neither can be but dimly seen; wisdom and vision seem prostrate.

But we who are young have geathered much of the spirit and determination that have been given to our generation by men like you.

If the "elements of chance" are properly combined we will see new actions of men; if the same combination extends itself we may again meet and enjoy them together.

But, if the inevitable does come I find much comfort from your address on your Seventieth Anniversary

SH-64-81

" I have never cherished, what seems to me, the childish desire to live forever.....

I have done what I wanted to do and not merely what men were willing to pay me to do. This, I deem, is the essential difference between heaven and hell."

Beyond this my vision weakens. But this is clear: there is but <u>one</u> direction — that is forward. Write briefly if you must; at length if you can. For each word from you will be a treasure to me.

S/Sgt Leroy H. Haynes
77CA (AA)
A.P.O. 930 % Postmaster
San Francisco, Cal.

George D. Haynes
Capt. 77th CA (AA)

29 December 1942

94-64-81

My dear Mr. Haynes:

I was very glad indeed to have your letter of October 9. I am writing to wish you a Happy New Year and to thank you for your kind words.

We all have to move from the dormitories. I am changing my living quarters from the Atlanta University Dormitories to the Spelman campus; while Miss Diggs will lodge at Clark. The weather in the North has been pretty severe I understand. I did not go home at Christmas time. Here we have had on the whole rather mild weather. I shall be glad to hear from you at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

S/Sgt. Leroy H. Haynes
77CA (AA)
A. P. O. 930 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

3229 LeMoyne Street
CHICAGO, ILL.
June 23, 1942

Dr W.E.B. Dubois,
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

18-59-61

Dear Dr. Dubois:

Afew years ago you delivered a lecture which was broadcast from the studios of the Chicago University. I tuned in too late to get it all, and ever since I have wished a copy could be procured.

Seeing your name mentioned in the "Chicago daily Tribune" to day (" US group urges self rule for African peoples"). I immediately directed this work the hope that I could procure a copy, if possible, of that lecture.

I would be highly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours
W Hayward

PS
I am a native of Jamaica, west Indies.

30 June 1942

My dear Mr. Hayward:

Answering your letter of June twenty-third, Dr. Du Bois wishing me to say that he has the twenty-four page manuscript of the speech delivered at the University of Chicago in 1939 and shall be glad to have a typewritten copy made for $2.50.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. W. Hayward
3229 LeMoyne Street
Chicago, Illinois

6 February 1942

My dear Norris: Personal

I have been disappointed in the five or six years of my return to Atlanta in not having an opportunity to see you and renew our acquaintance; but you have been busy and so have I and the time has flown.

I am writing you now concerning the seventy-fifth anniversary of Atlanta University. It occurs this year, and to my great disappointment the administration is apparently going to do nothing about it except perhaps hold a local meeting.

18-48-19

At any rate I have determined upon one effort: I am going to make the April issue of PHYLON a memorial to Atlanta University's seventy-fifth birthday. PHYLON is supported by a two thousand dollar contribution from Atlanta University and about twelve hundred dollars of sales income. We have succeeding for two years in paying our debts and breaking even. To assure, however, this memorial number I want to raise a special fund of one thousand dollars and increase the number of pages from one hundred to one hundred fifty. I want to include line drawings of the five dead presidents and of notable teachers including your Mother. I am going to try to raise this money from any friends of the university that I can find but especially from certain of the alumni. I know of course that the alumni have been bled white by demands for contributions and that all of us are in mortal fear of the income tax just now. Nevertheless I am approaching you, Major Bright of Philadelphia, E. A. Johnson of New York, Bishop Bray and a few others who possibly might be able to contribute.

I know that not many can do this and I shall not be disappointed if more of them refuse not because of lack of interest but because of lack of ability. But I wish you would seriously consider making us a good initial contribution which I could use as a lever to stir some of the others.

I wish you would write me frankly what you think of it or better I should be very glad at any time and place to talk the matter over with you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Norris Herndon
Atlanta, Georgia

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February 23d, 1942.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Dept. of Sociology, Atlanta Univ.,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I was very much interested in your letter of February 6th., and your plan to dedicate one issue of Phylon to the Seventy Fifth Anniversary of Atlanta University. I was very much surprised to learn from your letter that apparently, the administration was going to do nothing about it except perhaps, hold a local meeting.

It seems to me, from a business standpoint, that a fitting celebration of the Seventy Fifty Anniversary of Atlanta University offers the institution a fine opportunity to build good will and put new life into friends and graduates of Atlanta University. From a great moral standpoint, it seems to me that the least the administration could do is to show a minimum of respect and appreciation for the fine work and noble personalities who have gone before.

I wonder if the failure of the administration to adequately celebrate the Seventy Fifth Anniversary of the school will not give additional weight to the belief of many, that Atlanta University has been more or less, completely absorbed by groups who have little respect for the life and work of the founders and teachers of Atlanta University and that since the affiliation, the new administration has been interested in completely eliminating and destroying as much of Atlanta University as possible and the building of an entirely new organization, both as pertains to spirit, personnel and grounds.

As a former teacher, as one of its present Professors and as a honorary member of its Alumni, wouldn't you love to see, at least once in

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thirteen (13) years, a real effort made on the part of the administration to bring to Atlanta, some of the noble sons and daughters of Atlanta University as speakers and guests and for the president and faculty to put their full support back of such an effort.

Atlanta University will never have the great moral weight in America that it should if the administration fails to show its appreciation for the life and work of the founder and teachers and the alumni. The Seventy Fifth Anniversary is certainly an opportunity.

I feel quite sure that the graduates and friends of Atlanta University will appreciate your thoughtfulness in dedicating one issue of Phylon to the Seventh Fifty Anniversary of a school that lives in the lives of loyal graduates and friends, throughout the nation.

I am enclosing my check for Twenty Five(25.00) Dollars to help in the issuance of April Phylon, which you state is to be a MEMORIAL to Atlanta University's Seventy Fifth birthday.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

N B Herndon

N. B. Herndon, Pres.-Treas.,
Atlanta Life Insurance Co.

NBH*Sal

24 October 1942

My dear Madam:

May I express my deep feeling at learning of the death of my classmate, your husband.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-60

Mrs. Robert F. Herrick
25 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

24 October 1942

My dear Mrs. Herrick:

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
BASCOM HALL

October 29, 1942

18-53-35

Request for photograph

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Professor of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I should like very much to use your picture in the new revision of my HISTORY OF THE SOUTH which is scheduled for publication in January. I could, doubtless, obtain such a picture from one of the picture agencies, but I should prefer to use one of recent vintage which meets with your approval. Can you send me one, suitable for reproduction, and will you give me your permission to use it. I should appreciate it very much.

Very sincerely yours,

W. B. Hesseltine

W. B. Hesseltine
Professor of History

3 November 1942

18-53-36

My dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a photograph of myself which you are at liberty to use.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. B. Hesseltine
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
BASCOM HALL

December 4, 1942

18-53-43

Request for

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you very much for the excellent photograph you sent me, and for your permission to use it in my History of the South.

I have sent it to the publishers, who have scheduled the book for publication early in the year. I hope they do not mar the picture in reproducing it.

Very sincerely yours,

W. B. HESSELTINE

WBH*mc

6 February 1942

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Hincks:

You will, of course, know that this is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Atlanta University. Among the founders were several members of the class of '63 of Yale: I believe Dr. Bumstead and Mr. Ware and Mr. Francis. Mr. Hincks, your father, was also a Yale graduate but I do not know whether he belonged to this class. At any rate, as I told you when you were here and as I presume you probably knew beforehand, the motto of Atlanta University on its seal was taken from the Yale class of '63. I had hoped that the university would make a considerable celebration of this event but apparently they have decided to have nothing but local commemoration.

18-48-16

However, the board of editors of PHYLON have decided to make the April issue of our journal a seventy-fifth memorial volume and for that reason we are trying to raise an extra sum to finance it. I am wondering if you know any persons connected with the Yale class of '63 to whom we could appeal to help this effort. I should like to raise at least five hundred dollars and of course I know that in these days of stress and financial uncertainty no promiscuous appeal would be of any use but if you have in mind any persons whose special interest might lead them to wish to contribute to this object I wish very much you would let me have their names and addresses and I would write to them more in detail just what our plans are. The history of Atlanta University is important and unique in the educational development of America and it ought not to be forgotten.

I remember your visit here with great interest.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Hincks
2707 Regent Street
Berkeley, California

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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JOHN HAYNES HOLMES

STUDY
TEN PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

March 4, 1942.

18-60-25

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am writing you today on behalf of our old friend, Augustus Granville Dill. I know you will remember him.

He is at the moment in a very serious plight here in New York, and I am wondering what I can do to help him. He has been in such plights before, and I am getting seriously discouraged. What I keep thinking of is his fine abilities as musician and organist, and his unquestioned teaching talents. Again and again I have felt sure that he could end all his difficulties by taking a teaching position in some southern school or college. The difficulty has been in persuading him to consider the proposition at all. He hates the South, and wants to stay here in New York.

But if I could persuade him now, in a situation which is rather desperate, where could I turn to find an opening for him? If you can advise me in this matter, I shall be deeply grateful.

With highest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

John Haynes Holmes

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

30 March 1942

My dear Mr. Holmes:

I have not answered your letter of March fourth because frankly I do not know what to say. If I had any power of employment, I should be glad to give Mr. Dill a chance but I have none except in the case of my secretary. The only thing I can thing of is Mr. Banks of Prairie View, Texas. Mr. Banks know Mr. Dill well and has a very large number of persons in his employ. I am communicating with him and you might drop him a note:

President W. R. Banks
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

18-60-26

Of course I guess Mr. Dill would hate to go to Texas. I wish I could send you more encouraging advice.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. John Haynes Holmes
The Community Church
10 Park Avenue
New York City

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STUDY
TEN PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

April 1, 1942.

18-60-23

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thanks for your letter about our friend, Dill. I am discouraged about him, as I seem to have lost contact with him, and I am getting some unhappy reports. His sister is willing to take him into her home in Kentucky, but apparently he will not consider it. If I can get in touch with him at all, I shall not fail to act upon your suggestion that I write to President Banks.

With appreciation of your interest, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

John Haynes Holmes

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

8 April 1942

42-09-81

My dear Dr. Holmes:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Mr. Banks of Prairie View concerning Mr. Dill.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. John Haynes Holmes
The Community Church
Ten Park Avenue
New York City

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STUDY
TEN PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

April 13, 1942.

18-60-27

Augustus Hill

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Thanks for your kindness in sending me copy of this letter from Mr. Banks, of Prairie View College.

With hearty greetings, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

John Haynes Holmes

Dr. W.E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

23 October 1942

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly reserve me a single room and bath for Wednesday, October twenty-eight? I shall arrive in the morning.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Hotel Grand
South Parkway and Fifty-Ninth Street
Chicago

15 April 1942

My dear Sir:

Will you ple se reserve a quiet room and bath for me Wednesday night, April twenty-second? I shall stay over Sunday but may be out of town one night during that period.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. DU Bois

Hotel Theresa
Seventh Aven e and 125th Street
New York City

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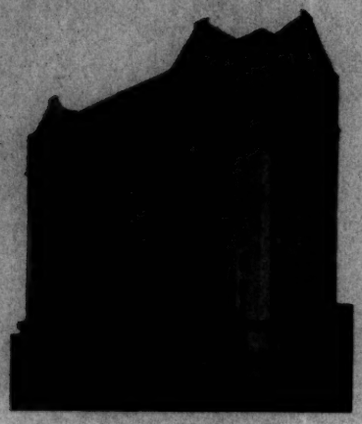

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HOTEL THERESA

SEVENTH AVENUE
AT 125TH STREET
NEW YORK

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-32

My dear Dr. DuBois:

In accordance with your request of April 15, a quiet room with private bath has been reserved for you for Wednesday, April 22.

Very truly yours,

WWScott

Walter W. Scott
Manager

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Negro Hotels

15 May 1942

Gentlemen:

Will you please reserve me a quiet room with bath at about three dollars a day for Wednesday, May twentieth?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Hotel Theresa
Seventh Avenue at West 125th Street
New York City

18 May 1942

Gentlemen:

Please change my reservation to Friday night, May twenty-second, instead of Tuesday, May nineteenth.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Hotel Theresa
Seventh Avenue at West 125th Street
New York City

TELEPHONE MONUMENT 2-1700

CABLE ADDRESS "TRESAHOTEL"

PRIVATE OFFICE

Negro

HOTEL THERESA

SEVENTH AVENUE
AT 125TH STREET
NEW YORK

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Dr. W. E. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-52

My dear Dr. DuBois:

As requested we are changing your reservation of a single room with private bath from Tuesday, May 19, to Friday, May 22.

We look forward to your arrival at that time.

Very truly yours,

Walter W. Scott
Manager

WWS:DEH

[HOWARD UNIVERSITY]
WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 3, 1942

GALLERY OF ART

Lectures

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

18-55-45

We are desirous of having a conference on art at Howard University early in March of this year. This conference is planned as one of the outstanding events of the year marking the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Howard's founding. Speakers will be invited from a number of sister institutions and related agencies. We have thought that you would be the logical person to address the conference on the subject of The Cultural Horizon of a Minority in Time of War, or a subject of similar import.

Would you accept to deliver the main address at the final dinner meeting of the conference on the evening of Tuesday, March 10th? The Department of Art will be able to extend to you the courtesies of free transportation to and from Atlanta, and room and board while in attendance at the conference.

If possible, please let us know not later than February 15th if you will accept, as it will be necessary to send out notices soon thereafter.

Sincerely yours,

James V. Herring, Head
Department of Art

LBS.

11 February 1942

18-55-81

My dear Mr. Herring:

I appreciate your kind invitation of February third, but I regret to say that I have to preside at a meeting her March ninth and would be unable to get away for the tenth. I am sorry.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. James V. Herring
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

5 November 1942

18-48-35

My dear President Johnson:

Shirley Graham is applying for a position as teacher at Howard. I know her personally and she is really remarkable in many ways. You, of course, know of her staging of "Tom Toms" some years ago in Cleveland. She probably knows more of the history of Negro music than any living person. She is excellent for dramatics and a perfect dynamo for hard work. I hope you will consider her application.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Mordecai W. Johnson
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

Same letter to Morgan College

[HUBERT]

19 January 1942

18-45-103

My dear President Hubert:

I thank you very much for your letter of November 17. Since it was written you have received doubtless the printed copy of my Chicago speech. I think in one respect you have misunderstood me. Far from believing that we should begin at the bottom and work up, I distinctly that we should begin at the top and use the educated power at the top to lift the masses at the bottom. Higher education is not for itself and its own enjoyment but furnishes the power and the leaverage by which the mass of people can obtain not only economic security but cultural progress. What I am trying to do then is to obtain for the masses especial ly in their industrial development the leadership of college graduates.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Benjamin F. Hubert
Georgia State College
Industrial College, Georgia

[HUTCHINGSON]

1455 - Milner ave.
Jacksonville, Fla

13-58-18

Dear Dr. Dupois

I have read and heard a great deal about you but I have never seen you. I am 23 years old and attend Ga. State College in Savannah, Ga when I am well. I have been sick & sometime in the hospital. I hope to be well and go back to school soon. I am very much interesting in Freedom People which adversary committee you serve I hear it every month. I also keep three scrap books with letter from some of our leading Negroes. Dr Dupois I know you keep busy. But please let me have just a few lines from you to go in my Book I will be very thankful. Please don't let me down.

Best Wishes

Willie Hutchingson Jr.

Request to write

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE

BALTIMORE, MD.

September 25, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor Du Bois:

The enclosed letter from A. C. McClurg and Company, 333 East Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois is self explanatory.

I should like to quote from your SOULS OF BLACK FOLK to substantiate the fact that your philosophy of giving the Negro full protection under the law, man suffrage, and the ideas of white people differ from the philosophy of Booker T. Washington's. I hope that you will find it convenient to give this matter your immediate attention, since the manuscript has already been accepted for publication and I am now securing permission to use as references the materials which I cited and used. In each case, however, the appropriate credit has been given to the author and publisher.

I shall be very happy to send you a copy of this little book as soon as it has been released from the press.

I want to congratulate you upon all of your writing, and to say that you have made a splendid contribution in helping the Negro to find and adjust himself in this complicated social pattern of ours.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Robert L. Jack

Robert L. Jack
Department of History

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Enclosed letter returned

29 September 1942

My dear Sir:

You have permission to quote from SOULS OF BLACK FOLK in your forthcoming book providing, of course, you give due credit.

I thank you for your kind words.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Robert L. Jack
Morgan State College
Baltimore, Maryland

1/29/30

(COPY)

15 December 1942

Dear Mr. Jackson:

It is my duty this month to nominate members of the PHYLON board of editors to the President of the University for his confirmation. I wish to nominate you. Would you be willing to serve if confirmed? The duties consist in attending one meeting a month, reading proof every three months and reading and judging manuscripts at other times. May I hear from you in a day or so? Also I should be glad if you could help us with our notes on books and periodicals touching race relations.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Wallace van Jackson
Atlanta University Library

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LIBRARIAN

December 17, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Editorial Board

19-87-81

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I thank you for honoring me by your desire to have me become a member of the board of editors of the Phylon. I shall be glad to work with you in the capacity indicated, if I am approved.

I don't think it is necessary for me to remind you, however, that the work connected with the librarianship here is especially heavy during these first years and that I do not have very much time left.

Sincerely yours,

Wallace Van Jackson

Wallace Van Jackson
Librarian

WVJ/jp

Phylon
Anniversary number

1461 S. St. N.W.
Washington, D. C.
5/11/42

Dear Dr. Dubois:

Every one says Phylon is wonderful. I was asked by Dr Woodson to review it for The Bulletin" He wishes you to send me a copy for that purpose.

I want to tell you that Prof William Brewer Y.M.C.A. this city is an ardent admirer of yours. Said you caused him to go to Harvand- Said thet the Crisis had no editorials since you had left it nor had the N A A C P functioned since then. Bais Your l name led all the rest like /Abou Ben who ever it as . You know. Said he would write you some day to tell hou about his regard but I know ko how peiple wait and wait- I wanted you to know for he is a fine man.. We agree utterly upn you(not that you care' " Looking back from South all" and other features were praised to me. I shall get your autobiography soonh, he raved over it.

My son sa you here the other day said you " were lookijg as sporty as ever'.

You did use thet date . Well I8s done now, you see I work here and cannot use that year as background.

Plase sebd the magazine.

Your frined sincerely

Ga
E. Georgia Johnson

17-87-81
Sent

3 February 1942

88-54-81

My dear Mildred:

Where in the name of the Lord are you? Did you ever come back from Cuba or will this reach you in Havana? Do put me out of anxiety and misery!

Yours with love,

Mrs. Mildred Bryant-Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago

MILDRED BRYANT-JONES - 4809 INDIANA AVENUE - CHICAGO - ILLINOIS

Kenwood 8170

5 A. M. Friday A.M.
Feb. 6, 1942

My dearest Mr. DuBois:

You are a darling — as I have several times before mentioned & that letter which I found in my mail box when I reached home last night so cheered me — that I forgot tiredness, fatigue to to much too great a degree, worry over the continued serious illness of my brother in N.Y. etc. etc. & had the heartiest and most enjoyable "spell" of laughing since I left the 90° temperature of Habana & came into 7° below in Chicago (which same was 17° below a few days later!). Shall write you more at length on Sunday Feb. 8th. so you should receive the letter about Tues. Depend on it. Hello & appreciation to Miss Riggs! Shall write.

Lovingly & undauntedly
Mildred

18-45-78

MILDRED BRYANT-JONES · 4809 INDIANA AVENUE · CHICAGO · ILLINOIS

Kenwood 8670

10:30 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 8, 1942

18-45-77

Dearest Mr. Abt Bon:

According to schedule and in keeping with my accustomed (?) punctiliousness in keeping up my correspondence, I am sending this "short, short story" (which is, however, painfully true) to say that on Lincoln's Birthday I propose and intend to write more at length. Just now the oculist has me in for but I hope that tomorrow's séance will result in permission to use the eyes again as needed. It should — for I certainly have been obeying orders. So, dear Mr. Man, I hope & expect to "see you Tuesday" (par une lettre plus longue)! Je vous aime beaucoup et aussi toujours.

Mildred.

Thursday afternoon. twelve
Nov. 4. 1892.

18-45-89

My dear Mr. Du Bois: This is a far cry from February 12 – which is the date I promised to write you a nice, long letter – but I can truthfully state that the envelope was addressed and stamped before that date and countless times since then I have hoped to really write & send the letter – but could not. Not being at all in sympathy with "Calamity Jane", I certainly have no intention of permitting myself to become one so shall not state a chronicle of disaster, etc. Suffice it to say that my eyes were far from all right – even after getting new & very helpful glasses on Feb. 12. Then ever since my return from Cuba, I have, almost literally, been commuting

to New York where my brother has been & still is critically ill with a heart ailment. Weekend trips to N. Y., hard daily routine here, extra work of registering soldiers, rationing sugar, preparing Memorial festival etc. etc. etc. etc. have been my lot. But I keep right side up (& sunny side up, too, I hope), with ease, & constantly realize that, after all, I "am a lucky guy". & would be too mean & ingrate if I were not very thankful — & indeed fairly happy too! Believe me, dear Mr. Mac, I really try to do my best always — both in regard to my work & in fencing what would otherwise seem rather terrible loneliness.

And now I know you will be glad to hear, too, that the wonderful two weeks in Cuba have proven a life saver for me — I never had a more interesting & refreshing vacation and the rest prepared me for the unusually strenuous life since then. I wish I had time to write about that trip. It was like a dream in many way & intensely

18-45-90

interesting and beneficial from an historic point of view. The time was crowded with totally unexpected incidents — some amusing, some almost confusing, but all enjoyable — as I look back upon them. What matter it that I could convince no one of my real identity — finally I gave up (upon wise right — I had no real trouble of any kind whatever) & enjoyed being in that glorious setting among kind people who very kindly seemed to consider me interesting. Thank you for your kindness & advice — much, dear Mr. Kerr. Several wonderful things have happened since my return, too, — in fact they were almost breath-taking — & have kept up my spirits — more anon re: them.

Phylon is really wonderful — utterly & entirely unique — & further a long needed educational opportunity for its readers. Congratulation to you, who are entirely responsible for its birth

& greatly responsible also for its continued successful life. I am glad for it & you & very proud of you. God bless you & keep you well and happy.

I hope that Mrs. DuBois, Yolande, & DuBois are well and happy. Ned is about as usual - working very hard & helping all with whom he comes in contact. His mother & my brother in N.Y. are my only immediate relatives. My brother was in Harlem Hospital a few weeks & when he insisted on being taken home (tho still on the "critically ill" list) stayed there (at home) three weeks & then was taken to Bellevue Hospital - where he now is.

Don't overwork, please. And think of me, love me, & write to me. Et aussi je vous aime — toujours. Et maintenant, au revoir et la bonne chance! J'espere que vous pensez souvent au Votre Mildred.

N.B. Shall try to send Miss Riggs a line soon.

[ENC.?]

SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

DU SABLE HIGH SCHOOL

C. C. WILLARD, PRINCIPAL

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1942

Program

PART I

Welcome ---------- C. C. Willard, Principal, Du Sable High

Childrens Prayer—from "Hansel and Gretel" ---------- *Humperdinck*

Lift Thine Eyes—from "Elijah" ---------- *Mendelssohn*
SPECIAL VOICE ENSEMBLE

Descriptive Overture: Au Pays Lorraine ---------- *G. Balay*
DU SABLE CONCERT BAND
Captain Walter H. Dyett, Director

To A Wild Rose ---------- *McDowell*

That Is Jean ---------- *Godard*
GIRLS CHORUS

At Dawning ---------- *Cadman*

Tonight We Love ---------- *Tschaikowsky*
JANET CALDWELL LILLIAN THOMPSON
CHRISTINE WILKERSON
Mrs. Mae Walsh, Director

Quartet for Four B Flat Clarinets—Prelude and Scherzo ---------- *D. Bennett*
ROY GRANT GERALDINE SPRINGS
MARGIE LUSK LEROY EDGERTON

Piano—Enchanted Rhapsody ---------- *G. Riley*
GERALDINE RILEY

Piano Duet—Tea For Two ---------- *Youmans*
LAURA POOLE DOROTHY DUNN
Direction of Mrs. Lillian Willoughby

PART II

Sunbeams ---------- *Ronald*
SPECIAL VOICE ENSEMBLE

Piano Duet—Stout-Hearted Men ---------- *Romberg*
LEON RUSH ANDREW OWENS

Symphony in B Flat (Finale—Allegro Vivace) ---------- *P. Fauchet*

March—Cinemaland Parade ---------- *C. Wheeler*
CONCERT BAND

Recessional ---------- *Kipling-De Koven*

Gloria—from "Twelfth Mass" ---------- *Mozart*

O Hail Us Ye Free—from "Ernani" ---------- *Verdi*
SENIOR CHORUS
Dr. Mildred Bryant-Jones, Director
Mrs. Lillian Willoughby, Accompanist

The Heavens Are Telling—from "Creation" ---------- *Haydn*
BAND AND CHORUS

M.B.J.

19 May 1942

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My dear Mil red:

I certainly am glad to hear from you. I was sure you were dead but Miss Diggs was inclined to believe that you were somewhere about. It is nice to know that you did really get some benefit from the Cuban trip. I was afraid you had run across something unpleasant or the sudden change of climate might have affected you unfavorably. But all is well that ends well and I see you are still at the old grind. I am leaving here in June to spend July and August in Baltimore. If you come anywhere near, please let us see you.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Mildred Bryant-Jones4809 Indiana Avenue
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago

18-45-81

Labor Day
Sept. 7, 1942.

My dear Mr. DuBois: Your letter came on Monday just after I reached home from the last of my weekly commuting trips to New York to try to cheer and sustain my brother in his illness. Reaching the Hospital (Belvue) just a few minutes too late — the I started with all haste to N. Y. & from the train — & the attendant circumstances on arrival were a shock from which I have not yet fully recovered. I have not been away at all from Chicago this summer — and have been ill — but lets try to forget this summer — as far as I am concerned. I do hope you have had a thoroughly enjoyable one. Take good care of yourself. I am sending Miss Higgs a line but since I do not know her Monmouth address, am sending it to Atlanta Univ. with a request

MILDRED BRYANT-JONES - 4809 INDIANA AVENUE - CHICAGO - ILLINOIS

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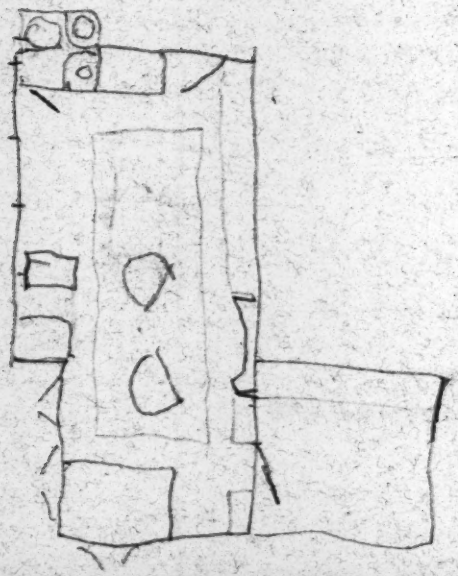
that it be forwarded, if she is not there.

News of Mrs. Cooke's death has just reached me. She was my great friend. She was very lonely without Mr. Cook and George. I do hope that he went home to her before she became too ill to know him.

I see that Charles Wesley finally accepted the presidency of Wilberforce. Somehow or other I just like reading between the lines of possible opportunities for you? I also find myself hoping he secured a leave to try things out - don't you? I have wanted all summer to get opportunity to write to both of you. Am doing so today.

Love & best wishes to the family. Please let me know when you reach Atlanta. School begins tomorrow. Am glad. Eleanor! the Revision is home at last!

Mildred.



30 September 1942

My dear Mildred:

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I am sorry to hear of the death of your brother and I know how upset you must be. I hope the work is beginning favorably. I had a very quiet and nice summer at home with the family. I succeeded in getting Mrs. Du Bois away for four weeks' vacation and the others for shorter times while I kept house. In September I spent a week in New York and a weekend in Boston and then drove back leisurely to Atlanta. The work her is developing favorably.

Perhaps you remember the heavy grey overcoat that I used to wear when I came to Chicago. Mrs. Du Bois went on the war path about that and said that it made me look old and shabby. So I bought a new coat at Wannamakers, but the old coat is of excellent material, pure wool, made in England, and has years of wear left. What I propose to do is to send it to you by express to the school and ask you to give it to some boy who needs it. Can you do this for me?

Let me know how you are getting on.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Mildred Bryant-Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago

13 October 1942

18-45-87

My dear Mildred:

I am coming to Chicago to speak the morning of October twenty-ninth. I shall get in on the evening of the twenty-eighth and if you are able to eat, we will have our dinner down at the station. I can stop at your home or the Hotel Grand either of which is most convenient to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mildred Bryant-Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago

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Fenwood Va. 9.0

S.O.M. Thursday, Sept. 15. 42.

My dearest Mr. the Boss! When I came home

last night about 10.30 to see whether or

not I could risk sleeping where there

was no heat (at most raining - a cold

dreary drizzle) I found your letter in the

mail box & decided to stay here - after

faithfully promising Ned I'd be in bed

under warm wool blankets - in 10 minutes.

Imm - but am now back in the kitchen

with gas stove & electric heater keeping me

fairly warm for writing, dressing etc.

To the front, my heating plant is being

reconditioned, my basement is being made

impervious to heavy rains flooded so terribly

as most basements have been on the South

side during the torrential rains & cloud

bursts of this summer & early fall -

& indeed intolerable
as I find it uncomfortable much of the time
until the afore-mentioned work (Flea chimney
repair) is completed - to stay at home
myself, I am forced to let you stay at
the Grand Hotel this time. I am very, very
sorry - for, as you know, you have always
been & are most welcome here. Briattie is
~~has~~ necessary material for repairing the
extreme dilapidity in securing labor have
dragged these repairs on since the
middle of August - but I am promised
that they will be completed as soon as
is humanly possible - & in these war
times - I have to say C. K. & wait. It is
not easy brought but few things are -
I always realize that really I am - in
many respects - fortunate.

I shall be so happy to see you. Of
course I can eat the - slaw! & weight less
than ever! There are many things to talk
over with you. Let me know what time
to meet you at the information desk at

(3)

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MILDRED BRYANT-JONES - 4809 INDIANA AVENUE - CHICAGO - ILLINOIS

the Union Station. I suspect seeing you last
yearly
year.

18-45-85

I shall be happy to see that the room
occupant is given to a deserving, needy
boy. There are many of them here. It
is generous of you to give it. Send
or bring it. Also please bring my
dissertation (so I'll be sure to receive
it safely) & put it in my hand. It is
necessary that I return it & imperative
that I arrange for publication. Be sure
you will understand. You see it is over
two years now.

See you soon. Lots of love to you
& "Cheerio & good luck" to Miss Higgs.

Yours as ever,

Mildred.

Write & give me exact
instructions as to time & date
of meeting you. You said evening of 28th
but gave no time. M.

23 October 1942

18-45-86

My dear Mildred:

I shall arrive in Chicago early Wednesday morning, October twenty-eighth, and stay at the Hotel Grand. I will telephone you sometime during the day.

I hope this will find you well.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Mildred Bryant-Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago

6 November 1942

My dear Mildred:

I had a very lovely and restful trip home culminating with a turkey dinner down in the hills of Tennessee. It was nice to meet you and I was very much pleased to see you looking so well. Also I enjoyed the visit to the school. Let me here from you when you have time.

Yours with love,

18-45-92

Mrs. Mildred Bryant-Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago

MILDRED BRYANT-JONES - 4809 INDIANA AVENUE - CHICAGO - ILLINOIS

November 12, 1942.

18-45-79

My dear Mr. Du Bois:

It was lovely to see you again, too, and to have visible evidence that the fact that Ponce de Leon was a failure has not in the least affected your young life! And "I'll tell the world" I am glad of that. It's good, too, to know that your homeward journey was enjoyable and restful — and as for the turkey dinner in Tennessee — again you are "a lucky gazabo" (as one of the students whispered to another yesterday when the "gazabo" — whatever that may be — showed his 10 wk. grade of E)! But I'll wager 2 to 1 (that is my top notch bet now) to 1¢ that you had no "fin braver" (graves — as the Frenchman, who was one writer, Lebanonly pronounced it)! Ah well, you can't expect to have everything, can you,

We surely enjoyed having you at

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Dr. Dubois — & both students & teachers are still expressing their appreciation of you. I also thank you much for coming. Your talk was very fine & really hit the spot. One had said "It was awful he "consisted" or stopping so soon."
One of the teachers — Mrs. Borough (a friend of the Robesons [I am sure the spelling is wrong] — whom you may remember as Mr. George Arthur & Mr. Robinson tendering you a testimonial dinner at International House shortly after you had severed connection with N.A.A.C.P. & Crisis was much disappointed that she did not know you were there. She said "I have always admired Dr. DuBois so much. Be sure to let me know when he is coming again. I hope he will come."
Love & all good wishes. Write. Au revoir et la Forme chance!

Mildred.

Am enclosing check, etc. for renewal of pub to Clayton for Ned & me. The Crisis came safely. Many thanks. The boy M. will write soon.

Susan Campbell Hall
Eugene, Oregon
February 17, 1942

Dr. William E. B. DuBois
Professor of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-59-49

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Being a sociology major here at the University of Oregon, I have selected you as the subject for my English term paper. I have heard from various sources, especially the sociology department, that yours is an inspirational life.

I have already read several articles and biographical sketches of your background, but I am anxious to secure more detailed information regarding it. Perhaps you could help me.

I am especially interested in your family tree, your childhood days, and your education. Certainly there are many interesting sidelights of your life that fail to get in to print. Would you please be willing to enlighten me a little on some of these phases?

How did you happen to choose your career? When did it begin? Of what does your work consist?

I am particularly impressed by the number of degrees which have been conferred upon you. Were you seeking a definite goal from the beginning of your college days?

Even though I realize you must be a very busy person, I hope you can help me a little since I know of no better source than the subject himself. If you feel I have been too personal at any point, please feel free to ignore my question. I shall be especially delighted, however, if you can make any additional comments regarding yourself which you feel might be contributive to my paper.

I am anxious to have this biographical information within two weeks or approximately be March 3. Enclosed you will

find postage which I wish you would use in writing back to me. I sincerely hope I am not assuming too much in asking such a great favor of you. I shall deeply appreciate any aid you can give me.

Very sincerely yours,

Ardis Jensen

Ardis Jensen
Susan Campbell Hall
University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon

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26 February 1942

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My dear Sir:

You will find the best source for biographical data concerning myself in my autobiography DUSK OF DAWN published by Harcourt, Brace and Company in 1940.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Ardis Jensen
Susan Campbell Hall
University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon

66 Hancock Street
Brooklyn, New York
July 24, 1942

Request for photograph

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Dubois:

I have been collecting a number of books and pamphlets about the Negro. I find that I must lend out my books and that the demand is for your works in cheaper editions. I do wish that it were possible to issue such editions because of the unusual demand for the work of authors like yourself. With pardonable pride, I say that your most recent book is fast becoming a family bible for many persons I know.

I have also collected a number of photographs of persons like yourself whose work and writings have tended to influence the thinking and aspirations of the group. I wonder if it is too much to ask that you send me one of your pictures suitable for framing in my gallery of immortals.

With very best wishes for your good health,

Sincerely
Thomas S. Jones

Thomas S. Jones

TSJ/hc

18-53-81

6 October 1942

My dear Sir:

Dr. Du Bois, in answer to your letter of July 24, has asked me to send you, under separate cover, one of his photographs.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

18-53-41

Mr. Thomas S. Jones
66 Hancock Street
Brooklyn, New York

66 Hancock Street
Brooklyn N.Y.
October 16 1942.

18-53-41

Request for photograph

Dr. W.E.B.Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr. Dubois:

This will bring to you my thanks for the photograph of yourself which I asked for and you were so kind to send me. I am having it framed so that representative as you have been of our group and pointing the way as you have done and are doing to a better tomorrow, it will in some way serve to inspire those who see it or others to whom I may speak about it.

With every kind wish for your health and long life,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas S. Jones

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March 19, 1942

18-58-32

Professor W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Professor Du Bois:

Would you care to review for the Journal Walter Dyson's Howard University, The Capstone of Negro Education? We should like a review about 500 words in length by June 1.

Sincerely yours,

Fred Cole

FC/ef

[JOURNAL OF SOUTHERN HISTORY]

27 March 1942

18-58-33

My dear Sir:

I regret to say that on account of unusual press of work, I shall be unable to review Dyson's HOWARD UNIVERSITY, The Captstone of Negro Education for you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Fred C. Cole
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Louisiana

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25 February 1942

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My dear Sir:

Among the classmates of your Father, Mr. Joseph F. Kernochan, Yale '63, were three men: Edmund Asa Ware, Horace Bumstead and Cyrus W. Francis. These men founded Atlanta University seventy-five years ago. Mr. Ware became the first president.

We are seeking to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of this institution by issuing a special memorial number of PHYLON, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture. I am trying to find among the descendants of the Yale class of '63 persons who will be interested enough to subscribe to this publication fund which we estimate will cost about a thousand dollars. I know it is not an opportune time to ask people to contribute to most matters of social uplift and yet perhaps it would not be inappropriate to remember the young men who during a similar period of a war came down from Yale to the South to help settle the race problem and who founded an institution which has had unusual influence and which is today one of the outstanding institutions of the South.

I am sending you a sample copy of PHYLON and asking if you would consider helping us. The memorial volume will contain pictures of the first four presidents of Atlanta University, and estimate of the work of the institution and of its distinguished graduates.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Whitney Kernochan
Westbury, Long Island
New York

[Knoxville College]

Lectures

Knoxville College
Knoxville, Tennessee
January 25, 1942

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-55-62

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The time is near at hand when we, the Senior Class of Knoxville College, shall have terminated our stay with the institution. As is customary, we shall need someone to counsel and admonish us as we go forth in our various fields.

We would like very much to know if it would be possible for you to grant us the singular honor of delivering our commencement address on Tuesday morning at 10:00 A.M., June 9, 1942. The place is the McMillan Chapel on the campus of our school.

You will find enclosed a self-addressed envelope for a reply.

Appreciatively yours,
Jacqueline Holland
Jacqueline Holland
Secretary of Senior Class

[Knoxville College]

18 February 1942

18-5-63

My dear Miss Holland:

Answering your letter of January twenty-fifth, I beg to say that it is always difficult for me to get away from the University for commencement speeches and I, therefore, have to charge a rather high fee. I can speak for you June ninth. My charge would be seventy-five dollars out of which I would pay all my expenses except board and lodging while in Knoxville for myself and secretary.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Jacqueline Holland
Knoxville College
Knoxville, Tennessee

Lectures

18-55-50

Knoxville College
Knoxville, Tennessee
March 9, 1942

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

There have been considerable changes in our program and plans for the Commencement at Knoxville College, because of the shortening of the length of our school term for defense purposes. We have postponed all plans.

The Senior Class had anticipated hearing you speak. We sincerely regret that it will be impossible.

Ever sincerely,
Jacqueline Holland
Secretary Senior Class
Knoxville College

TIMOTHY DWIGHT COLLEGE
YALE UNIVERSITY

March 11, 1942

William A.Koehne
1655 Yale Station
New Haven,Conn.

Dr.W.E.B.Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta,Georgia

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Dear Dr.Du Bois,

Several years ago,I was assigned to read in one of my sociology courses at Yale,"The Souls of Black Folk." I found the book tremendously interesting and enlightening. I desired to learn something about the man who could write such beautiful English,and who could express ideas so clearly and forcefully.

So,a year ago when I had to decide upon a topic for a Senior Thesis,I chose to study the ideas and thoughts you have expressed in your numerous books,magazine articles,and general publications.

I believe I can now honestly assert that I understand,at least in part,several of your historical and sociological concepts.I have hesitated to write you before because in all modesty,I did not think I had sufficiently mastered your various principles and ideas.

I have just learned that you plan to be here at Yale on April 2.My friend,Mr.Stanley Chapman(President of the Yale Sociology Club) has given me this information.I would consider it a pleasure and a privilege to have the opportunity of meeting you next month.I hope you will be able to give me a few minutes or so of your time when you are here in New Haven.

I remain, Sincerely
William Kolbrener

[WILLIAM KRAUSS]

28 November 1942

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Dr. William W. Krauss, a former research scientist of the State Institute for Race Biology at Uppsala, has delivered a series of lectures at Atlanta University on race problems and race crossings. They have been very valuable to my classes and to the University and we have greatly appreciated his services.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Atlanta University

Washington, D.C., Dec. 6, 1942.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Professor and Chairman,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

8-64-81

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

After a very busy week it is my most agreable task to express to you herewith my cordial thanks for all the overwhelming hospitality I enjoyed in Atlanta University.

The days there were filled of thrilling suggestions. I appreciated particularly the hour of discussion I was fortunate to have with you.

Let me also repeat how much I enjoyed the entertainment in the home of Dr. Loos, where both you, Dr. Du Bois, as well as Dr. Braithwaite, Miss Diggs, Miss Scott and other common friends were present.

Your recommendations have already been very effective. Last Monday I laid them before Dr. Franklin Frazier, who received me with greatest kindness.

Dr. Frazier suggested immediately that I should give some lectures in Howard University.

Unfortunately Dr. Frazier caught a strong cold a few days later. But from his secretary, Miss Renfrew, I heard that a university committee had approved Dr. Frazier's suggestion and that I probably would hear on Tuesday, when Dr. Frazier will be on duty again, the details concerning the arrangement of my lectures. I feel that with sincere gratitude that this favorable outcome is largely due to your warmhearted recommendation.

Besides my contacts with Dr. Frazier I have also been active in other respect. Until now I can only say that my attempts to secure a better future seem to have lead to hopeful results.

I am enjoying the numbers of "Phylon" you gave me. I found some data in them which I intend to quote in my book "Races and Race Crossing in Man".

May I finally emphasize how pleased I felt at the great helpfulness of Miss Diggs and Miss Scott.

Once more my cordial thanks. I hope to send you here and there some publications of mine.

In the meanwhile I remain with very best greetings

yours sincerely

William W. Krauss

Permanent address: c/o Mrs. Anna Stenberg,
Apartm. 6c,
449 West 123rd Str.,
New York City, N.Y.

I would be very much pleased if you would be so kind as to forward my greetings also to your students.

[MOLLIE LEE]

Social Items

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My dear W. E. B. D.

Thanks for letting me merit an article in your "dicty" magazin. I cant ponibly do it by the 6th. Will do it for Oct. How long should it be. Coby are you so late asking for it?

Heard an interesting thing about you the other day. You aren't behaving yourself.

Did you ale our friend while she was in Atlanta. She had

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a marvelous time. Mr
Braithwaite must be a
very unusual man.

Are you driving North this
summer? I understand
Stachus can get gas to go home.

Always enjoy hearing from
you.

Mollie

3 July 1942

64-64-81

My dear Mollie:

I am planning to drive through Durham on my way North and to stop over with Dr. Shepard, Thursday night, July ninth. Would be glad to see you if you happen to be about. Do not forget that review.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Mollie Lee
Richard B. Harrison Public Library
Raleigh, North Carolina

[LIBERIA - CONSUL-GENERAL]

14 January 1942

64-49-81

My dear Mr. Walker:

At this late date I want to thank you for your trouble and care in forwarding to me the registered package of my Liberian Order and the diploma. I have already written the President expressing my deep gratification.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Walter F. Walker
Liberian Consul-General
of the Republic of Liberia
New York City

[A. C. Logan]

1011 - 8th St. N. W.
Washington, D. C.
Sept. 21, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Rayford Logan

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

I am enclosing herewith some cards that I inadvertently omitted from the package I brought over to you. Just discovered them yesterday. Trust you had a safe and pleasant trip to Atlanta.

Should appreciate getting check by first of October as it is necessary for me to leave for Charleston, S.C. as soon as practicable.

Very truly yours,
A. C. Logan.

18-54-81

[A. C. LOGAN]

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Sept 24, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

19-64-77

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

I am enclosing this card - just ran across this to-day.

Stopped over in Philadelphia yesterday to get dates of The Phila. Tribune but cant carry history of life of Elder Becton, but the man in charge of library thinks out. Will get dates on my return trip to D.C. and mail to you.

Very truly,
A. C. Logan

1 October 1942

24-45-81

My dear Mr. Logan:

There is no chance of getting the Phelps Stokes check before October 1. You see I shall have to go through all these cards which you have made out and select those that should be inserted in the bibliography and then insert them and send the finished work to Mr. Stokes. I cannot ask for final payment until I have the final work in his hands. That was the reason that I wanted the matter finished earlier so that I could have worked on it with you and your brother during vacation. But I will hurry it as much as possible now.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. A. C. Logan
1011 "O" Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Rayford Logan

[A. C. Logan]
1011-Oh Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
October 4, 1942.

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

Thank you for your letter of October first which was entirely satisfactory. Had I known before exactly those facts I would not have either written you or wired you. Not being regularly employed and tenants in my house failing to pay their rent when it is due caused me to run short of working capital which is necessary to me as evidenced by my having to go to Charleston, S.C.

19-54-59

Am enclosing some more cards covering some material I picked up recently. Some you may already have. I made a rather exhaustive search. For instance there was nothing on "Albino" pertaining to Negro in either the card indexes in the Main Reading Room of the Congressional Library, in the Cumulative Book Digest, the International Periodical Digest, Educational Digest, etc. What I found on "Albinism in the Negro" was in (above all sources) in the Agricultural Digest.

I am leaving for Charleston, South Carolina to-night. Unavoidable business will keep me there I am unable to state now. Probably I may drop down to Atlanta before I return to Washington, and shall be glad to spend a few hours with you in the final preparation of the data.

If I recall you did not have John Merrick, founder of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance, nor Gillespie founder of the Supreme Life Insurance Company of Chicago, Illinois. Probably you had reasons for not including these names. Then there is Graves, the potato King of Kansas (now deceased) I can't recall his first name now. I took the liberty to include the names of John E. Bushand Chester A. Keats, founders of the Mosaic Templars of America, also that of Scott Bond of Arkansas, who at one time had a credit rating of $50,000 AAA+1 (the highest possible rating attainable) in Bradstreet and Dun.

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With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,
W. C. Hryan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta, Ga.

Rayford Logan

1011 - "O" St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.
November 9, 1942.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

As I am badly in need of funds, I am respectfully requesting that you arrange to let me have my check for $170.00 in order to come not later than Nov. 20, 1942. That is the last day in which I have to pay my real estate taxes, which must be paid to save a heavy penalty.

I am pushed for money because I have got to go to Charleston, S.C. to attend a funeral - my aunt there having passed away this morning.

If it will be impossible to get the check to me by Nov. 20th, then I will be compelled to have my

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brother Tadvance me the $100.00 and you can then send him the check. Whatever way it is done, it is absolutely imperative that I have the $100.00 by November 20, 1942.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

A. C. Morgan.

18-54-82

11 November 1942

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My dear Mr. Logan:

I will not hold up your check any longer and I am writing to Mr. Stokes today. What I had wanted to do was to have you check for accuracy the final entries which I had chosen to add to my book list. However, I will see that you are paid and perhaps you will be good enough to go over these entries. Later. The copying here is going on slowly because of the difficulty of securing clerical help in these time. I thank you very much for your help and cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. A. C. Logan
1011 "O" Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Rayford Logan

1011 - "O" St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.
November 23, 1942.

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

On my return from Charleston, South Carolina on Friday, I found your letter and check for $100. from the Phelps-Stokes Fund for which I thank you very much.

I will be glad to check for accuracy the final entries. However, I should thank you to advise me, if possible, about what time you will be able to send up the final entries. In the meantime, if there is any further service I may render you I shall be only too glad to do so.

Again thanking you and with all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
A. C. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

19-49-81

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

February 23, 1942

13-54-68

Dr. W. E. B. DuBoise
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBoise:

I have just come from a conference with Dr. Leland, Dr. Daugherty, and Mr. John Clark, Director of Cultural Relations in Mr. Rockefeller's office. As a result of my repeated requests to the proposed conference in Port-au-Prince, Dr. Leland is consulting this week with the other members of the Committee on Negro studies in Washington, namely, Mr. Daugherty, Dr. Donald Young, and Professor Sterling Brown.

While Dr. Leland would make no definite commitment, he expressed the hope that this request might be granted. The new date tentatively decided upon is April 13th and the next few days, and Mr. Daugherty believes that he will be able to obtain the necessary priorities.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

RWL/md

26 February 1942

18-54-69

My dear Dr. Logan:

I was glad to have your letter mailed on my birthday. Between now and your going to Haiti will you have time to go over certain bibliographical items and furnish me references? Most of the items I have good references for but there are some especially relating to the West Indies that I should like to have your help. Of course there would be some compensation for your time and trouble.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Logan.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

February 28, 1942

19-54-81

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you for your letter of February 26. Please accept my belated congratulations on the occasion of your seventy-fourth birthday. I was so intent on remembering the birthday of my God-son that I entirely forgot that you, he and George Washington were born at about the same time.

I shall be glad to cooperate personally with you on the bibliographical references if you will send to me at your earliest convenience the topics for which you desire them. If I should not be able to complete the work before my departure, I am confident that my brother will be able to follow the directions that I would give him.

Plans are going forward for the Port-Au-Prince conference in a manner which promises to be satisfactory to us both.

Most sincerely,

Rayford W. Logan

RWL/md

16 May 1942

My dear Dr. Logan:

Welcome back to the United States! I am planning to be in Washington, Tuesday, May twenty-sixth. I have that day free until 6:50 at night when I leave for the South. Of course, I shall take in one or two movies, outside of that I should like to have conferences with you first about the West Indies and secondly about the final list of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. Let me know if you will be at home and what hours you will be free. I leave for New York, Tuesday, May nineteenth, so you might drop me a line at the Hotel Theresa.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Logan.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

May 18, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Hotel Theresa
New York, New York

18-54-72

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I myself may be in New York this week end at the Theresa. I especially want to attend Dr. Stokes' meeting Saturday morning. In all probability we shall have little time for a conference there. We shall be glad to have you spend as much time as you would like at our home during your stay here in Washington.

Most sincerely,

Rayford W. Logan

RWL/md

2 July 1942

18-54-73

My dear Dr. Logan:

I am going to be in Washington, July eleventh and twelfth and shall call you up. I shall bring with me the manuscript of the subjects with bibliography. If by any chance you are not in the city at the time, I shall leave them at the house with comments.

My best regards to yourself and Mrs. Logan

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

August 26, 1942

18-64-81

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Absence from the city has prevented me from replying sooner to your letter of recent date. My brother tells me that the work will be sufficiently advanced for him to talk with you at the end of the week. I believe, however, that it would be well for me to be here when you come over. I am going up to New York today and will not be back until Tuesday morning. My brother's address is 1011 O Street, N. W., Dupont 3190.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. LOGan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Du Bois Cottage
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

September 12, 1942

18-54-75

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have sent to you today by railway express insured the work done by my brother. It seemed to me best to have the references put on cards so that you could make such selection as may be desired. My brother's address is

A.C. Logan - 1011 O Street, N. W.

You may have the check sent direct to him. There are only one or two items that need to be covered, and I shall look after them without any charge. If you have time, stop by to see us.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

Do not come tonight - Send material to me at Atlanta

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

November 24, 1942

18-54-65

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am planning to attend the meeting of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, December 10 and 11. I hope that you will be able to give me a few minutes.

Most sincerely,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan
Acting Dean

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

RWL:fed

1 December 1942

18-54-66

Dear Dr. Logan:

I am so glad you are going to be here December 10 and 11. Will you save the evening of December 11 for a dinner with me?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 5, 1942

18-48-67

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I shall be very happy to have dinner with you on December 11.

Many thanks.

Most sincerely,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[LONG]

1110-17th Ave. N,
Nashville, Tenn.
Feb. 22, 1942

12-22-81

Dear "D.D":

I am not sending you a birthday card this year. Instead I am writing this letter to say that I hope this birthday will find you in the best of health and above all will find you happy. I suppose a card would have phrased those thoughts in a much nicer form. These words however come directly from my heart to you.

We are well and getting along very well I should say. Herman is in Philadelphia now working on a study or should I say an investigation of the function of the Almoth Association in its relations to other Social Agencies. No doubt he will be there about two weeks longer. I am busy at the Center carrying out a health project with the assistance of the Meharry Clinic.

I haven't heard from Momma in some time. I take it that her silence means she is well and happy. I hope so anyway.

I've been toying with the idea of writing a short article on the Nursery School aspects of the center for some time. Maybe before this school year ends I will have done so.

When you aren't very busy please write.

All my love,

Henrietta

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18-58-4

26 February 1942

My dear Dimples:

Thank you very much for writing me on my brithday. On Saturday I took your Mother and a large roast turkey which Mr. James prepared and we drove to Augusta and stayed with Norma. Five of us, your Mother and I, Norma and her sister and Ella B. ate on that turkey sumpticusly for three days. It was lovely weather while we were there but rained a little on the way back. We got home Tuesday before dark.

I think your Mother enjoyed it and got some rest. It is nice to hear of your interesting work and of the way Herman is progressing.

My best love,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Henrietta Long
1110 Seventeenth Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee

[LONG]

622 S. Ashley St.
Ann Arbor, Mich.
Nov. 17, 1942

18-58-5

Dear "D D":

The prodigal daughter is'nt coming home, but she writes and sends loads of love. We have thought of you often this year and wish that we were near enough to you to see you and to enjoy a sane chat with you.

I have become a book widow since I have been here. Herman keeps his head buried in a book constantly. He has had a very tough schedule outlined and seems to be covering it fairly well. He has taken his final examination in French and passed. He has gotten through the pre lims in psychology and German. He is preparing to take finals in German in December. His doctoral committee has

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been opposite to work with him on his dissertation and all in all we are rather pleased with the work accomplished so far. I think that takes care of all of the he is and he has.

I should like for you to send me a subscription blank for Phylon. We should be able to meet the demands I think.

How is one mother? I suppose I must be heading her block list as many many months have passed since I have heard from her.

I do hope your school year has proved interesting thus far and that it has not been too tiring. Please write me.

All my love,

Henrietta

P.S. Herman sends best wishes to you.

23 November 1942

18-58-81

My dear Henrietta:

It was nice to hear from you and to know how doggedly and successfully your husband is working. Give him every encouragement you can. We have several men here on the campus who ought to have finished their work for the doctor's degree years ago and who are fooling around and putting it off. Most of them will never get it. Once Herman has his over and your family future is settled. Give him my best regards.

Your Mother seems well but a little irritable so that she has to be handled with gloves. As a matter of fact that school work is too hard and she does not save herself enough but she seems to keep physically all right.

I am well and have had on the whole a pleasant year.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Henrietta Long
622 South Ashley Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan

[LONG]

Henrietta Shuey

Dec. 23, 1942

18-58-8

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We were so happy to hear from you and to know that you are feeling well. May I thank you for the two of us for the issue of Phylon that mailed you to us. Sometimes I feel lost up here away from the South. Phylon will help to bring us closer to the people that are really accomplishing.

We have moved one step further since my last letter to you. Last week Herman took the final examinations in German and passed. Now all this language are behind and that is a relief. No doubt he will be coming South in the new year to get help of his subjects and admin-

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ister his test. The exact locality has not been decided as yet. The other half of his subjects will come from Detroit and Chicago. Oh well, I'll tell you more about that later.

I am hoping that this Christmas will be one of your happiest. We will remain in Ann Arbor during the holidays but we will think of you.

I shall write to you again real soon.

All my love,

Henriette

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LONG ISLAND CITY NEW YORK

WALLACE A. MANHEIMER, PRINCIPAL

STILLWELL 4 - 1762

18-5-30

March 24, 1942

Prof. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Professor DuBois:

We are planning to set up a Social Studies Laboratory in our school and would like to decorate a section of the room with actual photographs of living historians and economists, preferably those of whom high school youngsters have heard and read. We feel that this is one way of providing a stimulus and inspiration for youngsters in their studies. We would therefore deem it an honor if you would contribute to this educational project by sending us an autographed photograph of yourself.

Respectfully yours,

Louis A. Schuker

Louis A. Schuker
Chairman, Social Studies Dept.

9 April 1942

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My dear Sir:

I am mailing you a photograph in accordance with your letter of March 24.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Louis A. Schuker
Long Island City High School
41st Avenue and 29th Street
Long Island City, New York

[1005]

Please – a Sample copy:

The Rev. David A. Sharp, Jr.

Liberty, Missouri.

Thanks.

Sent

A. W. Loos

1/26/42

18-45-26

15 December 1942

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Dear Mr. Loos:

It is my duty this month to nominate members of the PHYLON board of editors to the President of the University for his confirmation. I wish to nominate you. Would you be willing to serve if confirmed? The duties consist in attending one meeting a month, reading proof every three months and reading and judging manuscripts at other times. May I hear from you in a day or so?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. A. W. Loos
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

SPELMAN COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

30 December 1942

Editorial Board

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Thank you for considering me as a possible member of the PHYLON board of editors. I shall be glad to serve if your nomination of me to the President of the University is confirmed.

I should add, however, that there is a possibility of my being called into some war work during January. Perhaps you will consider this a sufficient reason for not nominating me as a member of the PHYLON board.

It was not possible to answer your letter before I left the campuses for the Christmas holiday.

Very sincerely yours,

A. W. Loos

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-48-66

14 January 1942

Request for information

My dear Madam:

I should very much like to know what disposition has been made of the books and papers of the late J. R. Lynch. I know how valuable they are and I should like to know if they have been disposed of and if so, where and if not, whether or not they are for sale. I should be under great obligation for any information.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-59-60

Mrs. John R. Lynch
4028 South Parkway
Chicago

MAJOR JOHN R. LYNCH
ATTORNEY AT-LAW
4028 SOUTH PARKWAY

CHICAGO, ILL. Jan. 18, 42

18-50-15

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Mr. DuBois:

With reference to your letter of Jauary 14th, 1942, I wish to state that none of my late husband's papers have been disposed of. In fact, I have no knowledge of what is, and is not valuable except his last book "Memoirs of an Active Life" (an autobiography of his life) which is ready for the press. He eva had it typd.

I should be glad to dispose of these papers as I feel some of them would be of great historical value.

Could you give me some idea as to their worth?

Very truly yours,

Mrs. J. R. Lynch

L/C.

18-50-16

26 February 1942

My dear Mrs. Lynch:

Thank you for your letter of January 18. The papers of the late Major Lynch would, of course, have to be looked at by an expert to gain any knowledge of their value. On the other hand, his autobiography is certainly important. I should be very glad, if you are willing, to publish a small part of it in PHYLON. That would perhaps help you get a publisher for the whole. Kindly let me hear from you on the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. J. R. Lynch
4028 South Parkway
Chicago

Request for Autobiography

2434 Mary Avenue
Jennings, Missouri
February 3, 1942

18-53-28

Mr. William Edward Du Bois
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Du Bois,

I would like to have your biography and autographed picture. While my clas in school was studying the history of Negroes in the United States, I read your book called "The Suppression of the Slave Trade." Historical facts in it helped me agreat deal.

I thought my teacher would like to have your biography. I inclose a self-addressed envelope stamped.

If you will, please send me your idea as to the situation of the negro in the South.

Thank you for the trouble you've gone to.

Yours very sincerely,

Bruce McClanahan

6 February 1942

18-53-29

My dear Mr. McClanahan:

You will find my autobiography in my book DUSK OF DAWN published in 1940 by Harcout, Brace and Company. Autographed photographs are for sale in this office for fifty cents postpaid.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Bruce McClanahan
2434 Mary Avenue
Jennings, Missouri

Publishing Department

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

333 EAST ONTARIO STREET : CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 31, 1942

Mr. Wm. E. Burghardt DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dubois:

We have had a request from Mildred D. Babcock, of North Olmsted, Ohio, for permission to use the enclosed material from SOULS OF BLACK FOLK in a book she is preparing, entitled SOME CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR AMERICAN CULTURE.

Credit would of course be given to both author and publisher. We ourselves would be willing to allow her to use the material without charge. Please let us know whether you concur so that we can inform Miss Babcock of your decision.

Yours very truly,

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

Virginia Baldwin

VB Publishing Dept.

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No enclosure

Publishing Department

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

333 East Ontario Street : Chicago, Illinois

April 2, 1942

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dubois:

Enclosed is the material about which we wrote you and which was inadvertently omitted from our letter of March 31.

Yours very truly,

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

Virginia Balcheri

VB

Publishing Dept.

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And there in the King's Highway sat and sits a figure veiled and bowed by which the traveler's footsteps hasten as they go.

I sit with Shakespere and he winces not. Across the color-line I move arm in arm with Balzac and Dumas, where smiling men and welcoming women glide in gilded halls. I summon Aristotle and Aurelius and what soul I will and they all come graciously with no scorn nor condescension. So, wed with Truth, I dwell above the veil.

And herein lies the tragedy of the age; not that men are poor,--all men know something of poverty; not that men are wicked,--who is good? not that men are ignorant,--what is Truth? Nay, but that men know so little of men.

1/29/29

8 April 1942

Gentlemen: Attention: Virginia Baldwin

I should be very glad to grant the request of Miss Mildred D. Babcock in accordance with your letters of March 31 and April 2.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

A. C. McClurg & Company
333 East Ontario Street
Chicago

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Publishing Department

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

333 East Ontario Street : Chicago, Illinois

SINCE 1844

April 27, 1942

Mr. Wm. E. Burghardt Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

There seems to be quite a strong wave of renewed interest in THE SOULS OF BLACK FOLK.

We have received another request for permission to use material from the Young People's Publications of the Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia. They wish to use a selection from page 1 in a study unit for seniors. A copy of this selection is enclosed.

Full credit will, of course, be given. May we give them your permission to use the material as requested?

Yours very truly,

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

Virginia Baldwin

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Publishing Dept.

Permission granted
W. E. B. Du Bois
May 2, 1942

"Between me and the other world there is ever an unasked question: unasked by some through feelings of delicacy; by others through the difficulty of rightly forming it. All, nevertheless, flutter round it. They approach me in half-hesitant sort of way, eye me curiously or compassionately, and then, instead of saying directly "How does it feel to be a problem? they say, I know an excellent colored man in my town; or, I fought at Mechanicsville; or, Do not these Southern outrages make your blood boil? At these I smile, or am interested, or reduce the boiling to a simmer, as the occasion may require. To the real question, How does it feel to be a problem? I answer seldom a word, and yet, being a problem is a strange experience, peculiar even for one who has never been anything else, save perhaps in babyhood and in Europe."

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Wm. E. Burghardt DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

IS THIS YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS?

October 1, 1941 to April 1, 1942

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2 May 1942

My dear Madam:

I shall be glad to grant permission to the Young People's Publications of the Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia for use of the extract noted.

It rather seems to me that the time has come for your firm to bring out a special edition of the SOULS OF BLACK FOLK. It has reached its twenty-first edition and in 1943 will have been published for forty years and been in continuous demand. I shall be glad to hear from you concerning the possibility of a special edition.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Virginia Baldwin
A. C. McClurg & Company
333 East Ontario Street
Chicago, Illinois

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Publishing Department

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

333 East Ontario Street : Chicago, Illinois

May 19, 1942

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

1/29/34

Thank you for your letter in which you gave permission to the Young People's Publications of the Presbyterian Church to use an extract from THE SOULS OF BLACK FOLK. We hope that many of the students, thus given a brief sample, will want to go on and read the entire work.

The question of a special edition in 1943 is one we hesitate to go into at the present time. In the first place, war-time conditions have brought changes and readjustments here as to businesses all over the country, and it is almost impossible to make plans for a year in advance.

In the second place, this will depend largely upon the condition of our inventory. If our present stock is sold out within a year, we shall certainly wish to bring out a new edition.

Although we are sorry that we cannot give you a definite answer on this point, we are glad you brought up the subject, and when the time comes for another edition, you may be sure we shall welcome any suggestions from you.

Yours very truly,

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

Virginia Baldwin

VB

Publishing Dept.

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A. C. McCLURG & CO.

333 E. ONTARIO STREET . . CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Wm. E. Burghardt Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

IS THIS YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS?

April 1, 1932 to October 1, 1932

TITLE	SALES Edition	SALES Quantity	ROYALTY Per Copy	AMOUNT	TOTAL
THE SOULS OF BLACK FOLK	McClurg	30	.25		7.50

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20 January 1942

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My dear Sir:

No call has been issued for the Pan-African Congress but there is a plan for having a scientific meeting of persons interested in African culture in the Western Hemisphere ~~meeting~~ in Port-au-Prince this spring. I do not know just when the meeting is taking place nor who will attend. It will probably not be open to the public.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles A. R. McDowell
314 West 52 Street
New York City

CHARLOTTESVILLE,VA.,(540);FAM;November 29,1942

Charlottesville,Virginia
428 Brandon Avenue
November 29,1942

Dear Dr.DuBois:The U.Va.Library catalogue contains a large number of references to your writings and I have looked into them more than I have had opportunity before. I find you look at the need of paying more attention to the credits on the account of the Reconstruction period somewhat as I do. I have often wished that someone would make a study of the matter from this side. It is not that I minimize the debits or the debit side of the account before and after the war in matters of tariff,railway rates,etc I am writing to learn if there is an essay of yours in which this matter is dealt with directly. I am enclosing a copy of a letter from my closest friend-J.H.Badley,founder of Bedales School in England which your daughter attended. Note this is the 54 th he has written me since England went into the war. In working on Phylon I found an article on my friend Countee Cullen's work by a man named Woodruff -years ago at Tuskegee I met a rare young man of that name who was head of the mathematics department-I wonder if this writer may chance to be his son?

Sincerely Frank A.Manny

Frank A. Manny

Dubois, W.E.B. Correspondence, 1942-1961
Atlanta University
02-05-81

29 December 1942

18-50-21

My dear Sir:

With regard to your note of November 29, I beg to say that I have written a book on reconstruction: BLACK RECONSTRUCTION published by Harcourt, Brace and Company in 1935. I think you will find much therein in which you will be interested. I was very glad to have a copy of the letter from Mr. Badley.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Frank A. Manny
428 Brandon Avenue
Charlottesville, Virginia

MANUMIT SCHOOL
AND CAMP
PAWLING, N. Y.

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS
WILLIAM MANN FINCKE
MILDRED GIGNOUX FINCKE

TELEPHONE
PAWLING 5611

July 12th, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

18-50-39

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Thank you for your letter of July 3rd. Rachel Davis DuBois has told us about your granddaughter and we would be very glad to have her with us for the second month of camp.

May I point out to you, Sir, that our season is so arranged that the second four weeks of our session begin July 25th, or at the latest, on Sunday, July 26th. If you could arrange to have your little granddaughter come in on a train getting up here Sunday afternoon in time for supper, such a train leaves New York from Grand Central Station at 2:20. This would be very satisfactory from the little girl's point of view, as the new campers will be introduced at the Sunday evening assembly and will begin regular camp activities on Monday morning.

The second session ends August 22nd. The full fee for the four weeks is $112.50 plus $10.00 fees. If it is impossible, with your obligations, on a professor's salary to meet this fee, we will be happy to adjust it to a figure which you can meet. Manumit is a non-profit making school, and although fewer scholarships are granted in the camp, which helps to meet the deficit of the winter school, yet we would be honored to have your granddaughter with us and will be glad to make arrangements to make it possible for you to send her.

I am enclosing a health form and suggested clothing list, although this latter does not have to be adhered to to the letter. As soon as we hear from you that your granddaughter is definitely coming, we will send you a contract at a figure agreeable to you. By the way, you forgot to tell us her name.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Sincerely yours,

William Mann Fincke

CoDirector (50)

WMF:SD

(etc.)

MANUMIT SCHOOL, Pawling, N.Y. HEALTH FORM

(To be filled out, signed and returned by the legal guardian of the child)

Name of student:

Address: Telephone No.:

Date of Birth Place of Birth:

School last attended:

Weight in ordinary clothes:

Has the applicant brothers and sisters:. . . . . Age:

. . . . . Age:

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Has applicant had:
Measles
Whooping cough
Scarlet fever
Mumps
Chicken pox
Diphtheria
Innoculations against diphtheria
Shick test

List complete record of other diseases child has had:

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In case of emergency the school is to get in touch with me at the address below. (If no home telephone, give number of person who would deliver message). In case of emergency when the school cannot reach me, I herewith give the school permission to act as it sees fit, upon the advice of competent medical authority, without assuming liability.

Each child should have a medical and dental examination before he enters school, and a doctor's certificate should be sent to school. It is advised that necessary treatments be administered before school opens or during vacations. Each child must be vaccinated before entering school or camp, and before coming to camp should have two tetanus toxoid injections. Children susceptible to poison ivy should have protective injections. Any special medicine for the individual child is to be sent to the nurse with full instructions and history.

Signed . . . . . .

Address & Telephone . . . . . .

. . . . . .

[ENC.]

MANUMIT CAMP Pawling, N.Y. CLOTHING LIST

All articles must be plainly and indelibly marked. Two complete lists of child's property should be prepared, one mailed to the Camp before his arrival.

Quantity Sent	Quantity Required	
	2	Woolen blankets
	6	Sheets (cot size)
	1	Pillow, if pillow is used
	4	Pillow cases
	1	Washable bed spread (cot size)
	6	Bath towels
	4	Wash cloths
	1	Nail brush
	3	Tooth brushes, toothpaste, soap
	2	Combs
	1	Hairbrush
	2	Nail files
	1	Bathrobe
	1	Pr. bedroom slippers
	4	Pr. pajamas, light weight
	12	Pr. socks
	6	Suits underwear, light
	1	Pr. ordinary walking shoes
	2	Pr. sneakers or rubber soled shoes
	1	Pr. rubbers
	1	Raincoat, rainhat
	3	Sweaters (one heavy)
	2	Bathing suits
		Shoes or slippers for wear to and from pool
		Rubber bed sheet should be sent if necessary
		Laundry bag, Flashlight
		Handkerchiefs (Kleenex preferred)
		Waterproof ground sheet for camping
	Boys	
	8	Shirts: polo shirts, not white, suggested
	6	Pr. shorts
	2	Pr. blue jeans
	Girls	
	6	Pr. shorts
	6	Shirts or blouses (Preferably not white)
	2	Pr. slacks or jeans
	2	Simple dresses or 2 skirts

Articles such as paints, clay, tools, baseball mitt, books, etc. make acceptable toys. Mechanized equipment is too likely to get broken to be satisfactory. Parents are requested to send no candy or money with children or to them after their arrival.

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[MARYLAND, UNIV. OF]

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
AND
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
COLLEGE PARK

DEPARTMENT OF
AGRONOMY

September 4, 1942

Home

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Du Bois Cottage
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

The samples of soil which you sent in were referred to me. Sample number three is in a slightly better state of fertility than number two. I believe you can apply about 2/3 of what I suggest for number one and two on number three, if you desire to limit the cost of soil improvement.

18-47-1

It appears as though this is for a lawn so my recommendations are on the basis of one thousand square feet. I would apply 100 pounds to 150 pounds of hydrated lime and 100 pounds of an 0-14-7 fertilizer. If you can obtain it, I would apply also 100 pounds of some pulverized manure such as poultry, sheep, or goat. All of these materials should be worked in from 1 to 3 inches deep; the deeper the better. The lawn then should be ready for seeding.

1/4 - 1/3
1300 sq ft

There are certain precautions which you should follow to help control crab grass. In all probability you have the soil pretty well saturated with crab grass seed. This will germinate for two or three years. However, in all probability the largest amount will germinate next spring. The most satisfactory method to keep this out would be to pull it out when it appears while only two or three inches in height. It will pull easier then unless it is extremely dry. You probably will have a large amount to pull during the month of June and July. After that you will not have to pull only an hour or two a week. If you do not desire to pull it, you can treat it and control the crab grass to a limited extent. I would suggest from 1/2 to 3/4 of a pound of sodium or potassium chlorate. Dissolve this in 4 to 5 gallons of water and sprinkle on 1000 square feet. This will probably have to be done early in June, July and August. About three days after each sprinkling follow with an application of fertilizer. Since you will not be able to obtain the nitrogen fertilizer I would suggest 25 pounds of manure like pulverized poultry manure and 10 pounds of an 0-14-7 for each 1000 square feet. This manure and fertilizer treatment will stimulate the blue grass and it will soon come out of its discoloration. This is not as satisfactory as pulling.

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois September 4,1942

In addition to the above suggestions for controlling crab grass I would suggest that you set your lawn mower as high as possible. Cutting in this manner permits the blue grass to help crowd out the crab grass. Close clipping permits the crab grass to crowd out the blue grass. Whenever you water the lawn be sure to water it thoroughly. The water should soak down at least 4 inches and 6 inches is better. In this way watering is not required as often and you do not stimulate crab grass. Light, frequent watering is very helpful for the promotion of crab grass growth.

Yours very truly,

R. P. Thomas

R. P. Thomas
Professor in Soils

RPT:mc

2-4-81

[MARYLAND, UNIV. OF]

30 September 1942

18-47-3

My dear Sir:

May I thank you very much for the care with which you answered my request for information concerning soils in your letter of September 4, 1942. I hesitate to intrude further upon your time and good nature but I would like to have a little further information. The soil in question is already in lawn with a fairly good stand of grass but one-fourth to one-third of it is crab grass which naturally I want to eliminate. It would not be feasible to plow up this lawn in order to apply lime and fertilizer but J. Manns and Company of Baltimore have recommended the following treatment: first, raking out as much of the crab grass as possible and then applying bone meal at the rate of fifty pounds per one thousand square feet together with a small amount of murate of potash; after that to plant additional grass seed of the best quality. This to be done in October before the frost.

Would this treatment be a fair substitute for the treatment which you recommend?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. R. P. Thomas
Department of Agronomy
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland

Form 100 100M 2-41

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D W & B Dr Bird
Editor of "The Crew"
Newport Ills.

My dear D:-

There is no doubt but you remember me as Manuel F Macon Jr born on the old Jefferson McKinley estate in St Bonnyton. My birth certificate was recorded wrong my Emanuel J Macon Father Emanuel J. Macon and Mother Emily Ann Macon. Will you please write to the Recorder of Vital Statistics at St Bonnyton Mass and see what can be done about it. I am eligible to a pension and cannot get it unless my birth certificate is corrected. Will you kindly write them and get it to read Manuel F Macon Jr Father Manuel F Macon Sr and Emily A Macon mother. Enclose please find Stamps for letters sent. Please let me hear from you at your early convenience.
I will send you the birth certificate you would desire me to. In receipt of

1-59-8-27

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a letter from you I will send it to you for your inspection

Most sincerely Yours
Manuel F Mann Jr
8 3907 Vincennes Ave
Chicago. Ill

Sept

18-5-9-28

29 September 1942

18-9-29

My dear Manuel:

I have written to the clerk at Great Barrington, but of course I do not know whether this will make any difference. I should think, however, a formal affidavit would identify you.

I am glad to h ar from you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Manuel F. Mason, Jr.
3907 Vincennes Avenue
Apartment -#3
Chicago

5 October 1942

18-59-31

My dear Manuel:

Enclosed is a letter from the Town Clerk of Great Barrington. I hope it will be satisfactory.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Manuel F. Mason, Jr.
3907 Vincennes Avenue
Apartment #3
Chicago, Illinois

[MASS.—STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE AT FRAM.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Education

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE AT FRAMINGHAM

December 9, 1942

Send Memo? Personal History?

W.E.B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-419-9

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Probably we shall not be able to add PHYLON to our periodical subscription list at once, but we would appreciate having a sample copy to examine, if your offer still stands.

Sent

My mother, whom you once knew as Ermina Ford of Great Barrington, was always most interested in your work, and I know, if she were still living, that she would be glad to know of your work at Atlanta University. As her daughter I was pleased to receive your letter, even though it was of a business nature.

Sincerely yours,

Gladys F. Pratt
Librarian

[MASS. - STATE TEACHERS COLL. AT FRAM.]

29 December 1942

01-64-81

My dear Mrs. Pratt:

I remember your Mother, Minnie Ford, as we used to call her. We both had speeches at the graduation exercises in the Town Hall in June, 1884 and I have the class photograph with her on it. I am so glad to know her daughter.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Gladys F. Pratt
State Teachers College
Framingham, Massachusetts

[BENJAMIN MAYS]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA. GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Benjamin E. Mays

Virginia Hotel
Rochester, Minnesota
March 28, 1942

18-60-10

Dear friend,

Mrs. Mays had her operation here last Monday, March 23. This is the sixth day after and she is responding to the surgeon's satisfaction. If things continue to go well she should be able to return home three weeks from date of operation.

It is a mighty fine thing to come to Mayo where one not only feels he is getting the best in medicine and surgery but where one experiences no embarrassment on account of race.

Sadie sends regards. She is in Saint Mary's Hospital and will probably remain there until time for her return. I am leaving to-day for New York to work on that eternal endowment.

Sincerely
Benjamin Mays

[BENJAMIN MAYS]

31 March 1942

18-60-11

My dear Mr. Mays:

I was astonished to know that Mrs. Mays was in Minnesota for an operation and so glad to know that everything is going well. I am sending Mrs. Mays a rosebud and I hope she will receive it in due course. Meantime you might tell her for me that I strongly suspect that this is a scheme for getting a vacation and good food. Of course, I admit I may be mistaken.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Virginia Hotel
Rochester, Minnesota

[BENJAMIN MAYS]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 4, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I appreciate your letter of March 31 which reached me here on my return to the office yesterday morning. I had a telegram from Mrs. Mays Wednesday, April 1 and she was continuing to improve. That was ten days after the operation so everything should come out all right. I am sure she will appreciate the rosebud which I am quite sure she has received.

18-60-13

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM:JEJ

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA. GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 22, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

44-94-81

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Professor Gordon B. Hancock of Virginia Union, Mr. P. B. Young of the Norfolk Journal and Guide, and President J. M. Ellison of Virginia Union are interested in calling a conference to meet in Durham, North Carolina on October 20 for the express purpose of considering some articles of cooperation necessary to better race relations here in the South during the present conflict and after the war is over. I do not know the details of the proposal but I think they are anticipating what might happen in the area of race relations as a result of the present world conflict and if possible to prevent unnecessary race riots and conflicts after the war. This is what I gather from what little communication I have had.

I am being asked to suggest two or three more persons. I would like for you to be one of the persons to attend this conference. We need all points of view and certainly we need a person of your wisdom and experience in a conference of that kind. As I see it any statement coming from any group of Negro leaders must be a sane, straightforward, courageous statement with no element of retreat but at the same time recognizing the stubborn fact that we are dealing with an evil situation here in the South when any kind of advance is attempted in the area of race. I have agreed to attend this meeting and would like very much to have you go. I would like to suggest to the Committee that they send you further details if you are interested.

I hope you are having a good summer. Mrs. Mays joins me in sending best regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

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(1942?)

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta Ga

[Sadie G. Mays] 19-5-32

MRS. B. E. MAYS 820 FAIR ST. S. W. ATLANTA, GEORGIA

A Vacation, Good food and Rest
I shall try it again someday. Sue 6/15/43
never loved any more - Thanks.
I've tried for four days to prove to the
Doctors that I was well Now I've
Almost decided there is no use
they are going by days any way.
I wanted to see your Easter outfit now
You will have to assemble it again.
Thanks again for thoughts that gave
a lift. Sincerely Sadie G Mays

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18-68-27

Greensboro, North Carolina
January 16, 1942

Request to write article

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

The Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the Methodist Church is preparing a study pamphlet on Peace. One chapter of this pamphlet will deal with the problems of Minority Groups. We are asking for ideas as to what should be included in such a chapter.

Enclosed you will find a recent pamphlet published by this department that may indicate the type of thing we are trying to do. Instead of treating the problems of Minority Groups as a separate entity, we are trying to show their relationship to the larger issues of our American life.

Realizing how busy you are, we acknowledge that our request may seem lacking in proper consideration. When I tell, however, that the pamphlet will be used by a million women in the Methodist Church you will know why we dare ask your attention to this matter.

Thanking you for whatever suggestions you may make, I am

Very truly yours,

Susie W. Jones

Mrs. David D. Jones

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Enclosure

[METHODIST CHURCH- BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION]

27 January 1942

88-89-61

My dear Mrs. Jones:

I should like to help you in any reasonable way which I could in your pamphlet; but without taking more time than I can spare I can only indicate that the problems of minority groups are always of weight in peace problems because they are and reflect causes of war. The Negro problem in America represent the problem of the exploitation of Africa by Europe and all of the wars based thereon including the First World War. The same thing is true of other minority groups.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. David D. Jones
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18-49-21

St. Paul, Minn., January 4, 1941.

Social Manors 1942

Dr. W.E.B.DuBoise,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Doctor:

The Sherwood household ask Gods most choice blessings on you and all you hold dear. May this year be to you the best year of life, and bring to pass your every wish and hope.

I am inclosing a letter to Bishop Flipper, which you will read, and if you think it will be received by him with kindly favor, and not as an impertant violation of good taste, please forward to him with your indorsement of the request, for which you will earn my gratitude.

The Defence Committee is keeping Gov. Stassen in hot water. Suit pending in th U.S. Circuit Court in the Home Defense mattter.. He offers a Separate Motor Unit; issued the Order to recruit this the day AFTER the suit was filed. His reply to the suit is "I have not, and never have, discriminated against the Negro people". And this in the face of the fact the Home Defense is still closed to us. We have a copy of a letter written by the recruiting officer that "There is no place for the Negro in the Home Defense set-up."

Mrs. Sherwood joins me in best wishes.

Yours very truly,

14 January 1942

18-64-22

My dear Mr. Sherwood:

I am forwarding your letter to Bishop Flipper and I am glad to hear from you and Mrs. Sherwood. I wish you luck in your fight with the governor.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Jose Sherwood
Minnesota Negro Defense Committee
St. Paul, Minnesota

Shiloh Baptist Church
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
RESIDENCE: 7 PLINY STREET

THE PASTOR'S STUDY

November 5, 1942.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I am preparing a radio script which requires consideration of the question - "What is likely to be the post-war status of the American Negro - will he lose the economic gains, or are there attending circumstances that reflect an entirely different position?"

I would appreciate very much if you would give me your personal opinion so that my utterance may at least have the benefit of comparative thought.

With every good wish, believe me to be

Faithfully yours,

Robert A. Moody

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

16 November 1942

18-46-82

My dear Sir:

Answering your letter of November 5, of course, no one knows what is going to happen after the war. A fair guess would be that some of the economic gains of the Negro will be retained, a good many will be lost unless he is able to meet the situation by better economic organization than he now has.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Reverend Robert A. Moody
Shiloh Baptist Church
Hartford, Connecticut

[Morehouse]
[1942]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 5, 1941

18-44-75

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This note comes to thank you for accepting our invitation to participate in the symposium on "The Function of the Negro College," in connection with our Seventy-Fifth Anniversary celebration on Monday morning, February 16. We are very happy that you found it convenient to accept the committee's invitation. Dr. Tillman, chairman of the committee, reported this fact a few days ago.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM:JEJ

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MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 13, 1942

18-60-4

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

In connection with our Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Celebration and your participation in it, we would like to have as soon as possible a glossy photograph of you to be used in our publicity program.

We need also for publicity purposes a copy of the manuscript you plan to use on this occasion. If it is impossible for you to send a manuscript, then we should like to have a very full outline.

Will you please have your secretary send this material to us just as soon as possible, and in any event not later than February 1.

I will appreciate your cooperation.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Benjamin E. Mays
President

P. S. Please send in addition biographical sketch.

BEM:W

Miss Diggs check with Miss Robinson on the letter she should have all the material necessary.
B.E.M.

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MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 17, 1942

18-60-5

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor DuBois:

It will be quite all right if you are in a position to give us an outline or a copy of your manuscript the day before delivery. This will give us ample time to get the stories out to the press at the time of delivery. We can get the manuscripts together after the Anniversary.

I am expecting the glossy photograph and the biographical sketch to be used for publicity purposes.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Benjamin E. Mays

BEM:MLB

Benjamin E. Mays
President

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Lectures

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

January 27, 1942

Dear Miss Diggs:

18-55

The Symposium on the Negro College which is to be a part of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Celebration is to be held at 9:00 A. M., Monday, February 16, in the Sale Hall Chapel.

Sincerely,
W. P. Fillmore
LHC

[MOREHOUSE COLL.]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 27, 1942

Dear Friends:

Through the courtesy of Professor Melvin D. Kennedy, Dr. Louis Gottschalk, head of the Department of History at the University of Chicago, will be the guest of Morehouse College on Sunday evening, February 1.

This letter comes to request two things of you: (1) To attend a Forum at which time Dr. Gottschalk will speak Sunday evening, February 1, at 7:00 o'clock, in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library. (2) Come by the residence of President and Mrs. Benjamin E. Mays immediately after the Forum, around eight o'clock, and spend a social hour with Dr. Gottschalk.

18-60-6

Appreciating your presence at both of those events, I am

Very truly yours

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM:W

[ENCL.?]

18-60

SUNDAY EVENING FORUM

February 1, 1942 Seven o'clock

Exhibition Room, Atlanta University Library

SPEAKER: Dr. Louis Gottschalk, Chairman of Department of History, University of Chicago

SUBJECT: "Vienna, Versailles, and _____?"

AUSPICES: History Department, Morehouse College

DR. LOUIS GOTTSCHALK, chairman of the Department of History at the University of Chicago, will address a special Sunday Evening Forum, February 1, at 7:00 o'clock, in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library. His subject will be "Vienna, Versailles, and _____?".

The speaker is one of the foremost historians of the present day. He has earned three degrees at Cornell University, and has served in the history departments of Cornell, the University of Illinois, the University of Louisville, and the University of Chicago. At the last institution mentioned, he has risen from an assistant professor to head of the department.

Dr. Gottschalk is a prolific writer. He is the author of "Jean Paul Marat - a Study in Radicalism", "The Era of the French Revolution", "LaFayette Comes to America", and "LaFayette Joins the American Army". His most recent book in the LaFayette series will soon be off the press. Dr. Gottschalk also serves as associate editor of the Journal of Modern History.

(All students and faculty members of the University community are cordially invited).

[MOREHOUSE COLL]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 10, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

18-60-7

Dear Doctor DuBois:

We are very happy that you will represent Harvard University at our 75th Anniversary Founder's Day Celebration February 13-18.

There will be two academic processions, one Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and the other one Wednesday morning, February 18, at 10:00 o'clock. For Sunday, February 15, we should assemble in the Administration Building at 2:30. For Wednesday morning, February 18, we should assemble in the Administration Building at 9:30. We shall be pleased to have you participate in both of these academic processions.

There will be no academic procession Founder's Day night, February 18. Official representatives may wear dark suits or tuxedos.

Sincerely yours

Benjamin E. Mays

BEM:MLB

Benjamin E. Mays
President

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MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 16, 1942

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Mrs. Mays and I would like to have you receive with us on Wednesday afternoon, February 18, 1942, from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. We would like to have you come fifteen minutes before the hour.

18-60-8

Sincerely yours

BEM:MLB

Benjamin E. Mays
President

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

The President's Residence

Lectures

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

February 17, 1942

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

Please let me thank you personally for the address of yesterday. It was superb in every way. I have heard so much unstinted praise of both the matter and delivery that I shall have to place it above the one you made at our fiftieth anniversary. That one has held a place all its own.

Sincerely yours,

H. P. Tillman

18-55-99

[MOREHOUSE CALL]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 2, 1942

18-68-9

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Just a note to thank you for the very fine contribution you made towards making our 75th Anniversary a success. The people were pleased with your address and it was certainly helpful to me as an administrator.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

BEM:MLB

Benjamin E. Mays
President

[MOREHOUSE COLL.]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 22, 1942

18-45-94

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Although we are reguesting the General Education Board to extend the Morehouse endowment offer beyond June 30, 1942, we have no guarantee nor indication at this writing that they are going to do so. For fear they may not, we are trying to collect as much as possible of the amount pledged to Morehouse before that date.

I believe you have paid $50 of the $100 you pledged. If you can see your way clear to pay the balance we will be trebly obligated.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM:JEJ

N.B. Mrs. Mays had a note from Mrs. Alexander Monday. She said Virginia insists that she is better but the doctors do not say so.

B.E.M.

[MOREHOUSE COLL]

29 May 1942

Dear President Mays:

Enclosed is my check for fifty dollars which is the contribution which I promised to Morehouse College.

18-60-14

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

[MOREHOUSE COLL.]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 2, 1942

18-60-15

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This letter comes to thank you for your recent contribution of $50 towards the Morehouse endowment. We are still hoping for an extension of time because it will be most unfortunate if Morehouse should lose the opportunity to increase its endowment by $700,000. Please accept my sincere appreciation for your interest in the work of Morehouse.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM:JEJ
Encl.-1

18-60 [ENCL]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
Atlanta, Georgia
No. 3132

Date 6-1 1942

Received of: Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

Name

Address

Fifty Dollars

to be applied on the MOREHOUSE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Thank you!

$ 50.00

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE.
By J. A. Aleyander

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MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

18-60-16

June 29, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor DuBois:

I thank you for a copy of the letter you sent President Clement. I hope we can take advantage of this project. I will help wherever I can.

Mrs. Mays went away to Rochester, Minnesota, with her sister. I do not know how long she will be there. I am leaving for Boston and Hartford to be gone for two weeks. You will probably be going North before my return. I hope you will have a pleasant summer. Best wishes always.

Sincerely yours

Benjamin E. Mays

BEM:MLB

Benjamin E. Mays
President

Dictated June 27.

[Morehouse College]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA. GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

October 20, 1942

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am using The South as a subject for intense study by the undergraduate majors in Sociology and also giving some place to it in several other of my advanced courses. Dr. Mays has agreed for me to invite three outstanding students of Culture and Race Problems in the South to do some special work with these students. Miss Lillian Smith, co-Editor of the South Today will be a guest of the Department of Sociology in Morehouse College on November 3rd and 4th. Dr. Guy B. Johnson of the Institute for Research in Social Science, University of North Carolina, will work with us two days early in January, 1943.

This letter, then, is an invitation to you to serve as the other guest lecturer. If it is possible for you to do so we should like for you to spend one afternoon with us on some suitable date in December. It is our hope that you would spend two hours in the afternoon in an informal discussion with the students on any phase of life in the South and to conduct a public forum in the same vein in the evening. If you desire it I shall be glad to come in for a conference with you on this matter.

Cordially yours,

Walter R. Chivers

WRC:JT

18-5-25

24 October 1942

18-55-26

My dear Mr. Chivers:

I shall be glad to act as one of your guest lecturers in sociology in December. Please give me due warning.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Walter R. Chivers
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

October 29, 1942

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

02-54-81

Dr. Mays joins me in expressing appreciation for your accepting the invitation to be a guest of the Department of Sociology, Morehouse College. I should like to submit two dates for your consideration. They are December 9th and 16th. An honorarium of $25 is offered you as a token of our appreciation.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Walter R. Chivers

WRC:JT

[MOREHOUSE COLL.]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 30, 1942

18-60-17

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This note comes to invite you to be present at a luncheon to be held in the Atlanta University Dormitory, Tuesday, November 3, at 1:30 P. M.

The luncheon is in honor of Miss Lillian Smith, co-editor of South Today, who will be the guest of the faculty and student body of Morehouse College.

Kindly let me know if you accept the invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin E. Mays

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM:JEJ

[MOREHOUSE COLL.]

2 November 1942

My dear Mr. Mays:

I shall be very glad to join you at luncheon Tuesday, November third, at one-thirty p. m.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-60-18

President Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

5 November 1942

Memo to Mr. Chivers:

It makes no difference to me which date you choose only please let me know which one, either December ninth or December sixteenth.

18-45-21

Mr. Walter R. Chivers
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

[Morehouse College]

MEMORANDUM

FROM

Walter R. Chivers

November 10, 1942

Lecture 1942

18-45-54

To: Dr. W.E.B. DuBois

In Re.: Appearance As Guest of Department of Sociology, Morehouse College

Because of the changes in the Christmas vacation I have decided to ask you to appear as guest of the Department of Sociology, Morehouse College on December 9th. We should be happy to have you conduct an informal seminar on any phase of the Southern problem which you desire from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. and a public forum at 8:30 in the evening. At your convenience I should be happy to have you furnish me a topic for the public forum for advertising purposes.

Cordially yours,

Walter R. Chivers

WRC:JT

[Morehouse College]

16 November 1942

18-45-55

Memo to Mr. Chivers:

I shall be glad to appear as the guest of the Morehouse College Department of Sociology on Wednesday, December 9, from 3:30 until 5:30 and at 8:30 in the evening.

I would suggest as a subject WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP FOR AMERICAN NEGROES LIVING IN THE SOUTH TOWARD SOCIAL UPLIFT AND REFORM. During the afternoon I should like to use the Socratic method and ask the opinion of the audience on various possible lines of agitation and action and show the difficulties and contradictions of each. Then in the evening I should like to take the constructive attitude and lay down my own positive program.

Mr. Walter R. Chivers
Morehouse College

[MOREHOUSE COLL]

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 1, 1942

18-60-12

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Unfortunately, Morehouse has no vacant suite of rooms. I talked briefly with President Brawley this afternoon and I am of the opinion that Clark may have space.

We are looking forward to your being with us on next Wednesday, December 9, as guest of the Department of Sociology. We are planning a luncheon in your honor.

With kind wishes, I am

Yours sincerely

By Edward Clayton

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University

BEM:G

[MOREHOUSE COLL.]

1 December 1942

Dear President Mays:

As you know I shall in all probability have to give up my apartment in the Atlanta University Dormitories and I am at a loss to know what to do. Is there in any of your dormitories a vacant suite of rooms that I could use?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-60-19

President Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 10, 1942

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta Georgia

18-45-40

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Just a note to thank you for the fine contribution you made to Morehouse College yesterday in your seminar and in the forum last night. As a token of our appreciation I am enclosing a check for $25.

With kindest regards and best wishes always, I am

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM:JEJ
Encl.-1

14 January 1942

My dear Madam:

I have just written a letter, a copy of which I enclose, to Mrs. John R. Lynch. I should be very glad if you could cooperate with her in getting this information.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Susie Morris
4028 South Parkway
Chicago

[MORRIS BROWN COLL.] 1

26 February 1942

18-52-14

My dear Sir:

Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, chairman of the Department of Sociology, Howard University, will give two lectures on the American Family in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library, Monday and Tuesday evenings, March ninth and tenth at seven-thirty p. m. I am writing especially to invite you to be present together with any members of your department.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois
Head, Department of Sociology

Mr. A. H. Jones
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia

[Morris Brown College]

7 May 1942

18-55-18

My dear Mr. Andrews:

I have promised you to speak at Morris Brown this year. Today Miss Doris Daley asks me to speak May seventeenth. If the one speech would suit you both, will you kindly communicate with her. If not, my promise to you has precedence.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Reverend Alvia Andrews
67 Ashby Street Southwest
Atlanta, Georgia

[Morris Brown Alumni Ass'n?]

18-55-53

27 May 1942

My dear Mrs. Thomas:

I thank you and your committee very much for the invitation to speak at the Alumni Dinner but regret that I shall not be able to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Ethelynne Holmes Thomas
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia

PHONE, KINGSLEY 1997

DR. N. F. MOSSELL
1432 LOMBARD STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 16, 1942

Dr W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga

my Dear Dr Du Bois: I am very much in need of a copy of the famous speech made by Booker T. Washington at Atlanta many years ago. I am sure you are familiar with this speech I refer to in which Washington used the illustration of the coordination of the palm of the hand and the fingers as to how the races might coopelate, to which many of us objected at the time

I am sure the Atlanta Constitution published the speech and one of your students I am sure will willingly make a copy of it.

Thanking you in advance,

I am, Faithfully yours,
N. F. Mossell
per J. W.

Enclosure

18-59-62

18 June 1942

My dear Dr. Mossell:

18-59-63

Go to the library and find either one of the following books: Alice Moore Dunbar, MASTERPIECES OF NEGRO ELOQUENCE, Bookery Publishing Company, New York, 1914. The Washington speech is published on page 181. Or, get B. F. Riley's LIFE AND TIMES OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, Revell and Company, New York, 1916. The speech is published on page 196. Or, get Woodson's NEGRO ORATORS AND THEIR ORATIONS, The Associated Publishers, Washington, 1925. The speech is on page 580.

In return for the one dollar sent, I am sending you a year's subscription to PHYLON, the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture, beginning with Volume III, No. 1.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. N. F. Mossell
1432 Lombard Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

PHONE, KINGSLEY 1997

DR. N. F. MOSSELL
1432 LOMBARD STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

July 3, 1942

Request for information

Dr W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

my dear Dr Du Bois:

Kindly accept my thanks for directing me where I could find the speech of Dr Booker T. Washington, I want to thanks you too for the publications you sent me. I sincerly hope that you will continue thru the magazine to express your views of on this disastrous war situation. Equality of opportunity for all peoples is the keystone of the Arks of the Covenant of human endeavor; without it there can be no permanent peace.

I am writing now pacifically to ask you where I can get the most recent figures on the relative amount of money spent for education between the races (~~especially~~ in the public schools of the southern states) I recall having seen the figures some yrs ago I would like something more recent. I feel sure that your dept. in all probability has them. Thanking you kindly, I am, Faithfully Yours

N. F. Mossell M.D.

18-59-81

Commission on Technical Cooperation

Phyton Vol III N° 1, p.

6 July 1942

My dear Mr. Mossell:

You will find a list of the appropriations for white and Negro schools in PHYLON, Volume III, No. 1. This is a copy of the report of the Commission of Interracial Co-operation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

18-59-65

Dr. N. F. Mossell
1432 Lombard Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

[GUNNAR MYRDAL]

Carnegie Corporation of New York
Room 717 - 522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

18-57-81

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
2302 Montebello Terrace
Baltimore, Maryland

September
16th
1942

Dear Mr. DuBois:

Dr. Gunnar Myrdal left last Saturday for his native Sweden. He had thought he would have a few days before the date of his departure was announced but had to leave suddenly and didn't have the opportunity of saying to many of his good friends. He asked me especially to send you his most respectful greetings.

He regretted tremendously that the intense pressure of his work, which has now been delivered to the Carnegie Corporation, did not allow him a final contact with you who personally played such a large role in the book.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Moulik

Secretary
Gunnar Myrdal